

BEHOLD THE LAMB

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’” And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. John 1:14-18

Behold Him!

1. **The Word became Flesh** - Christ incarnate. God among us.
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2. **The Word is eternal**. John said that He was preferred before him because he was before Him. Jesus is the eternal Son of God. You can't change Him - He is eternal.
3. **We have received His fullness**.
4. **He is full of grace and truth**. The law came thru Moses.

Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?” He said: “I am ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Make straight the way of the Lord,” ’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. And they asked him, saying, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, saying, “I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose.” These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came

baptizing with water.” And John bore witness, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.””

John 1:14-34 NKJV

John The Baptist

a crowd began to assemble to listen to his straight forward preaching style. He was preaching a message of repentance and baptizing in the Jordan. He dressed in Camels hair with a leather waist band and he ate wild honey and locusts.

Prophets of old, Isaiah and Malachi both spoke of his coming. For 400 years there had been silence, between the Old and New Testaments, and then John came to prepare the way of the Lord.

Malachi ends with these powerful words closing both the book and Old Testament with the hope of what was still to come, “See I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of

the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers..." (Malachi 4:5-6).

Many years before then, Isaiah had spoken these words about John, who, like himself, would also be a prophet preaching repentance, encouraging people to live for God alone. "A voice of one calling: In the desert prepare the way for the Lord, make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God" (Isaiah 40:3).

We need a company of John the Baptists instead of Jean the bashful.

We need more prophets and less platform seekers. We need people that will declare the truth.

I watched famous preachers say nothing for about a decade.

The People wondered if John was Messiah. His response was what made him great.

John's greatness came in his understanding that only Jesus is great.

He said Behold the Lamb of God

The word Behold means to look with surprise. Look to the Lamb with wonder.

What we Behold we can Become!!!!

If we behold him we can become more like Him

He is the eternal Lamb

“All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

Revelation 13:8 NKJV

He is the spotless lamb.

“knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

I Peter 1:18-19 NKJV

He is the Passover lamb

He is the slain lamb

“And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.”

Revelation 5:6 NKJV

He is the Adored Lamb

“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!””

Revelation 7:9-10 NKJV

He is the triumphant Lamb

“These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of Lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.””

Revelation 17:14 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/rev.17.14.NKJV>

He is the Wrathful Lamb

“and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?””

Revelation 6:16-17 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/rev.6.16-17.NKJV>

Jesus wants to be our special guest!

Revelation 2:1-5 (NKJV)

Jesus speaking to the church at Ephesus:

”“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, ‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.”

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Revelation 2:1-3, 5-7 NKJV

Three Commands Jesus Gives the Church

1. **REMEMBER** — Remember where you were when your love for God was burning brightly.

2. **REPENT** — Turn away from whatever has taken the place of your first love.

3. **RETURN** — Do the first works. Return to the devotion, passion, and obedience you had at the beginning.