

I Believe: The Case For Well-Informed Faith

Why is Jesus Called the Lamb of God?

John 1:29-34

The Lord's Day Morning

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Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

—John 20:30,31

John the Baptist was a Jew who focused his ministry on the Jewish people who were saturated with the Jewish Scriptures (our Old Testament). So, when John the Baptist calls Jesus the Lamb of God, they immediately think of all the lambs of God in the sacrificial system that God gave them through Moses. Annually, they celebrated the Passover with the sacrifice of lambs (Exodus 12:13). Daily, they offered lambs in the morning and evening, as a burnt offering to God (Exodus 29:39). All of these lambs of God were designed to prepare them for the Lamb of God who would be the final sacrifice who would take away the sin of the world, not just of the Jewish people. The Jewish Messiah is for the whole world. The lambs of God foreshadow Jesus in four ways:

1. Lambs were _____ by God.
2. Lambs were _____ in their class.
3. Lambs were _____ for sinners.
4. Lambs were _____ with death.