

A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1: Sermon Title

Behold the Lamb

John 1:29-37

Slide 2:

John 1:29-37 (ESV)

The next day he 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 ranks before me, because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

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How can we "find" Christmas (The Lamb)

I. The Lamb is seen by those who behold Him

II. The Lamb is experienced by those who abide

III. The Lamb comes in humility for those who are humble

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BEHOLD

"ide" = look, fix and hold

Slide 5:

The most amazing things are hidden in ordinary, mundane life

Slide 6:

Christmas Request:

Search for God in what is, not out there in what could be.

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ABIDE

Maybe John the Baptist was wrong about Jesus?

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Doubting is normal and important for faith to grow.

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Christmas Request:

Abiding means we know that we can't know, and that God will do, not do and give exactly what we would do, not do and give if we knew what He knows.

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HUMBLE

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God's salvation was achieved through humiliation, and therefore must be received through humility.

Slide 12:

Isaiah 57:15 (ESV)

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

“I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit”

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Christmas Request:

Humble yourself before the Lamb

B. GROUP DISCUSSION

1) Read the John 1:29-37 together

2) Why do you think John the Baptist "did not know Him" until he baptized Jesus?

3) In what ways do we miss meaning, or even miracles by not being more in tune with the ordinary in our lives?

4) Have you ever had seasons of doubt? Have there been times when God has not met your expectations? How can we abide in those seasons?

5) When someone says that "you must be humble" to experience and receive Christ...and hope and peace....what does that mean to you? How can you do that?

6) Prayer and praise