

Jesus, the Lamb of God - Lesson 17

1. Intro to the New Testament and the 4 Gospels.
 - Old Testament books breakdown: 5 - 12 - 5 - 5 - 12
 - 5 Law, 12 history, 5 Poetry/wisdom, 5 Major Prophets, 12 Minor Prophets
 - Books of the Bible Chart: NT books can be broken into sections: 4 - 1 - 21 - 1
 - 4 Gospels, 1 history, 21 letters/epistles, 1 prophetic book.
 - 4 Gospels cover time period and events of Jesus birth, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension.
 - The 4 Gospels are written on the same subject, the life of Christ. But they are written with different audiences and different purposes in mind:
 - **Matthew** wrote with Hebrew/Jewish people in mind. He wanted to convince them that Jesus was indeed the promised Messiah they have been waiting for.
 - **Mark** wrote with Gentiles in mind and emphasized that Jesus came as a servant to seek and save the lost.
 - **Luke** wrote to a Gentile man named Theophilus and his purpose was to write down an orderly account of the life of Christ based on eyewitness reports (Luke 1:1-4). His intent is to show that a Christian's faith is based upon historically reliable and verifiable events.
 - **John** wrote to the world. He included less detail about the events of Jesus life, but emphasized Jesus deity along with 7 "I AM" statements and 7 miracles of Jesus. John wrote his purpose for writing: "The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. 31 But ...these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name. (John 20:30-31)"
 - Jesus lived during the time period that the Jews were still under the old covenant God made with them at Mt. Sinai.
 - The 4 Gospels aren't the only books that contain the words of Jesus. The rest of Jesus' words would come through the Apostles.

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2. Timeline (approximate) of Jesus birth to start of his earthly ministry.

5 BC	God breaks 400 years of silence to Jewish people. Gabriel the angel appears and gives messages from God to Zechariah, Mary, and Joseph.
4 BC	Zechariah and Elizabeth give birth to John the Baptist Mary gives birth to Jesus in Bethlehem. The glory of God and angels appear to shepherds.
3-2 BC	Wise men visit Jesus, Herod orders all baby boys in Bethlehem 2 and under be killed, Joseph escapes to Egypt with Mary and Jesus, they return to Nazareth (after Herod's death) where Jesus grows up.
8 AD	Jesus was 12 years old when left behind in Jerusalem after Passover celebration. Joseph and Mary found Him in the Temple discussing Scripture with the religious leaders who marveled at his wisdom.
26 AD?	John the Baptist started his ministry preparing the way for Jesus the Messiah.
27 AD	Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, tempted by Satan in wilderness, and then started His public ministry around the age of 30 - Luke 3:23.

3. Jesus, the Lamb of God

Jesus has always been God's answer for man's sin and restoring our broken relationship with God

- The promise about a descendant of Eve crushing Satan's head/authority was about Jesus!
- The promise God made to Abraham about one of his descendants doing something that would bless all the families on earth was about Jesus!
- The prophet Isaiah prophesied, "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a **son** and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us')." (Isaiah 7:14) That was about Jesus!

Luke 1:31-32 - Gabriel's message to Mary:

- Name Him Jesus. He will be called the Son of the Most High

Matthew 1:20-23 - Gabriel's message to Joseph:

- Name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.
- God kept His promise to send a Deliverer. He never breaks His promises.

John 1:1-5, 14 - The apostle, John's words about who Jesus is:

- Jesus (the Word) was **Gos**.
- How old was Jesus when He was born? He was **eternity** **past** years old!
- This passage declares the deity of Jesus.

John 1:10-13

- To all who believed Him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of **God**

John 1:29

Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the **sin** of the world!

Jesus, the Lamb of God, was always God's plan to rescue sinners, take away their sin, and make all who trust in Him the children of God.

4. Application:

Have you selected a lamb? Which one? God will only accept one, Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Thank Him for taking away your sin and making you a child of God.