

THE CROSS


THE CENTREPIECE OF
GOD'S SAVING GRACE

What is the series about?

Through a 7 week series we are going to be exploring the centrepiece of God's saving grace.

- Part 1 - *Where is the lamb?* - Genesis 22
- Part 2 - *God will Passover* - Exodus 12
- Part 3 - *Lamb to the slaughter* - Isaiah 53
- Part 4 - *My God, Why?* - Psalm 22
- Part 5 - *A cross-shaped life* - 1 John 4:7
- Part 6 - *The Lion & the Lamb* - Revelation 5
- Part 7 - *Foolish or powerful?* - 1 Corinthians 1

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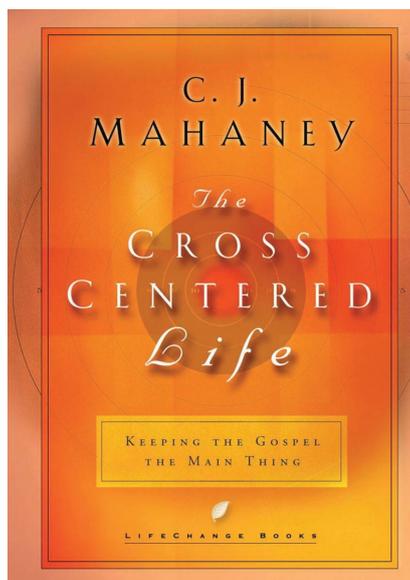
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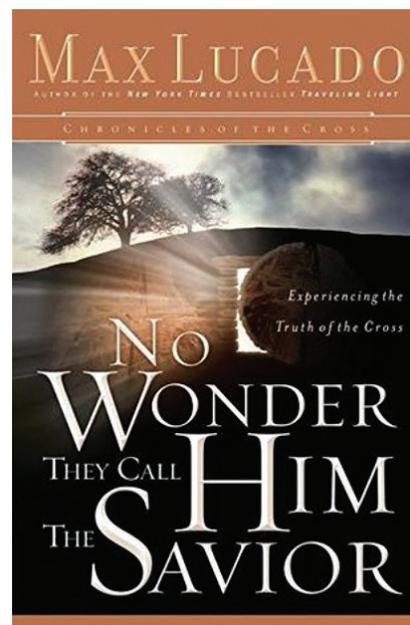
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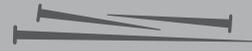
Recommended Reading

The Cross Centered Life
CJ Mahaney



No Wonder They call Him the Savior
Max Lucado





Title: The Lion & The Lamb

Speaker: Goff Hope

Bible reference: Revelation Chapter 5

Overview

We all love a story – a good story has a beginning that draws you in, a storyline with intrigue that touches emotions & a good, satisfying, happy conclusion. But in our post modern culture 'happy' endings are often considered naïve as 'life isn't like that', so future can look hopeless. According to the Bible, the story of mankind had a beautiful beginning full of hope and harmony, a glorious restored ending, but a catastrophe in the middle that caused brokenness & loss of hope. Evil seems to abound, hopes crushed & the future of the world seems to be out of control.

John is exiled on Patmos, Domitian is Emperor & Christians are persecuted – what is going on?

1. Tears of Tragedy: In a vision John sees the scroll of God's judging & redeeming purpose sealed.

2. Hope of Help: But in the Bible, God inaugurates fresh hope, first 1 man, Abram, then a nation, then a worldwide people. Expectation grows for a mighty Savior! Lion of Judah, warrior King!

3. Surprise of Grace: But a Lamb conquered?? Lambs get killed (Passover). Jesus triumphed over evil by getting killed – because in so doing He defeated evil & ransomed multitudes!

This is the power of the Cross – Christ became sin for us! He delays His return out of mercy. See 2Pet 3v9, Message. Seeing Jesus as Lion & Lamb transform & gives real hope for future.

Response (SOUL)

Run through the following sections. Use smaller groups at any time if helpful.

S = Scripture - Read it, what does it say?

O = Observe - What do you see, context, details, surprises etc?

U = Understand - What truth does God want you to learn?

L = Live - What would it look like to apply this to your life?