

Week Two Of Advent
Love Displaced
John 1:25-34



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John 3:16–17

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. “



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John 1:29–34

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.”



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True Purpose

The Lamb of God

- God's design – Isaiah 53
- God's desire - Hebrews 10:5–10



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Hebrews 10:5–10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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True Purpose

The Lamb of God

- God’s design – Isaiah 53
- God’s desire - Hebrews 10:5–10
- God’s demonstration – Romans 5:6-11



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Romans 5:6–11

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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True Purpose

The Lamb of God

The Mankind's Problem

- Sin – violation of God's will
- Rooted in selfishness – Romans 1:18–23



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Romans 1:18–23

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

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True Purpose

The Lamb of God

The Mankind's Problem

- Sin – violation of God's will
- Rooted in selfishness – Romans 1:18–23
- Demonstrated through brokenness



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True Purpose

The Lamb of God

The Mankind's Problem

God's Response

- Wrath – price of sin is death
 - Love – grace through faith in Jesus
- Romans 3:21-26



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Romans 3:21–26

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show

God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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True Purpose

The Lamb of God

The Mankind's Problem

God's Response

Final Lamb – Revelation 5

- Worthy
- Worshiped forever
- Worshipped by every tribe and language and people and nation (vs.9)
- Worshipped by the angels



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True Humility

Humility Defined

- Putting someone ahead of yourself
- Taking care of others with compassion
- No thinking too highly of yourself



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True Humility

Humility Defined

John The Baptist

- Prophesied prophet – Isaiah 40:3-5
- Purposed plan – Luke 1:5-25; 39-80
- Preparing the way – Luke 3:1-22
- Proclaimer of coming Christ – John 1:6-8
- Pure humility – John 3:30
“He must increase, but I must decrease.”



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True Humility

Humility Defined

John The Baptist

Jesus

- Before creation – John 1:1-4
- Leaving perfection – John 1:14
- God with us – John 1:18; 14:20
- God's will – John 17:1-5;
Matthew 26:36-46



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True Testimony

True Purpose

- Preaching repentance
- Preaching coming of Messiah
- Preaching with power



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True Testimony

True Purpose

Trinity

- God the Father – speaking from heaven
- God the Son – in the water with John
- God the Spirit – coming from heaven and remaining on Jesus



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True Testimony

True Purpose

Trinity

True Baptism

- John the Baptist – with water for repentance
- Jesus – the Holy Spirit
- Church – demonstration and declaration



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God's True Love For You

Do You Know God's Love?
Do You Live Out God's Love?



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