



The Lamb of God

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I. Sin: The Barrier Between Humans & God (Isa. 59:2)

- A. Evidence of that barrier (Jn. 1:10-11; 7:28; 8:19)
- B. All people are separated from God
- C. What sin looks like in John's Gospel
 - 1. Not knowing God (Jn. 16:8-9)
 - 2. Opposing God (Jn. 3:20; 7:7; 15:22-24)
 - 3. Blind to our own condition (Jn. 8:33)
 - 4. Death
- D. What sin doesn't look like in John's Gospel: Penal Substitutionary Atonement

II. Outside Help: God Steps into the World (Jn. 1:14)

- A. God sends his Son & John the Baptist (Jn. 3:16-17)
- B. God's intervention

III. Behold, the Lamb of God who Takes Away the Sin of the World (Jn. 1:29)

- A. Behold
- B. The Lamb of God
 - 1. What might John refer to when he says 'the Lamb of God'?
 - a) The Passover lamb (Exo. 12:3, 6-7; Jn. 19:36)
 - b) The sacrificial lamb "led to the slaughter" (Isa. 53:7)
 - c) The lamb of the daily sacrifice (Exo. 29:38-39)
 - d) The Gentle Lamb (Jer. 11:19)
 - e) The scapegoat (Lev. 16:8-10)
 - f) The triumphant lamb (Rev. 5:6)

- g) The God-provided lamb (Gen. 22:8)
 - h) A guilt or sin offering (Lev. 14:24; 4:32)
 - 2. A general allusion to sacrifice
 - 3. John does not have penal substitutionary atonement in mind
 - 4. The Lamb of God & the Passover motif in John's Gospel (2:13; 6:4; 11:55; 19:36)
- C. Takes away
 - D. The sin of the world
 - E. The world

IV. The Domino Effect (Jn. 1:34-51) – our response