

Reflections for Lent - Behold the Lamb!

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In our meeting last year we considered our Lord's time in the wilderness and the temptations He suffered. Here we look forward.

SCRIPTURE VERSES

[John 1:29-36](#)

²⁹ The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, *Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

³⁰ This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

³¹ And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

³² And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

³³ And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

³⁴ And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

³⁵ Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

³⁶ And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, *Behold the Lamb of God!*

- What might the people listening to John have made of his comment that Jesus was the Lamb of God?

[Genesis 22:1-18](#) - Abraham and Isaac

- What can we learn about Abraham and Isaac from this account?
- What does this account prefigure?

[Exodus 12:1-13](#) - The Passover

- What are the features of the sacrifice?
- Would the sacrifice of Isaac been acceptable?

[Acts 8:27b-35](#)

... and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

²⁸ Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

²⁹ Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

³⁰ And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

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³¹ And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

³² The place of the scripture which he read was this, *He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer*, so opened he not his mouth :

³³ In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. ([Isaiah 53:7-8](#))

³⁴ And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

[1 Peter 1:18-19](#)

¹⁸ Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, *as of a lamb without blemish and without spot*:

[Revelation 5:12b-13](#)

... *Worthy is the Lamb that was slain* to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

¹³ And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

DISCUSSION THOUGHTS:

- What did Jesus' sacrifice on the cross achieve?
- What is our response?
- Are we called to sacrifice?