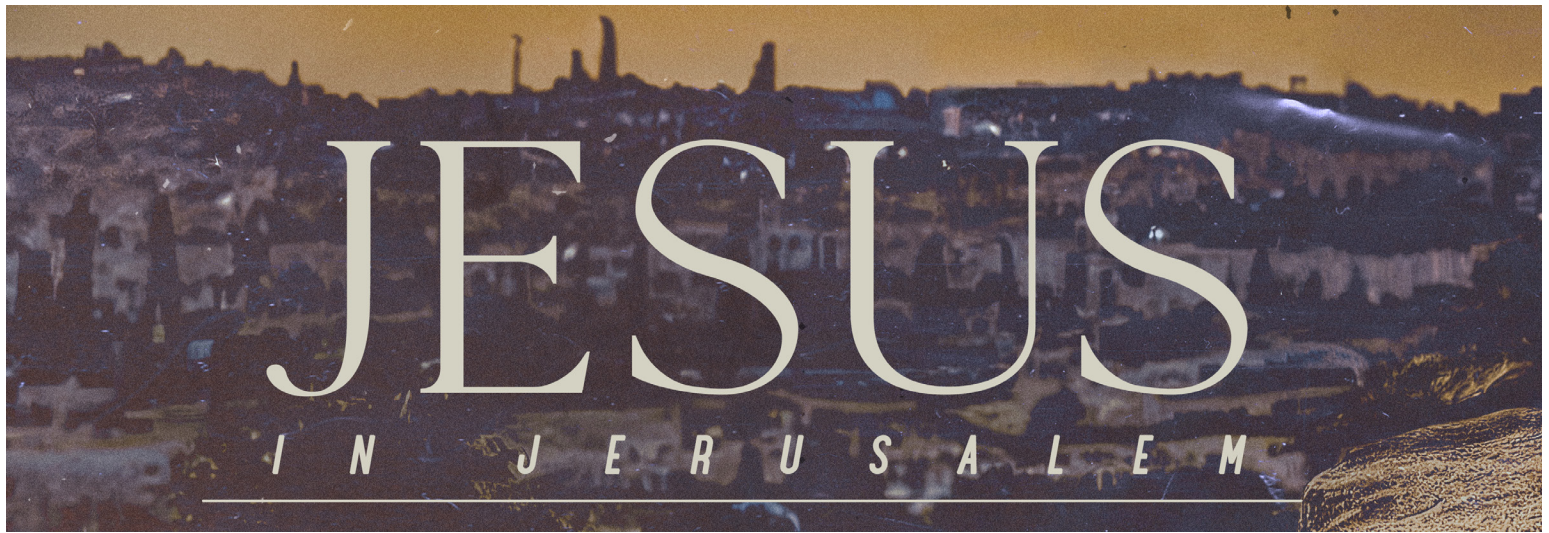




DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Lamb of God

John 12:12-19

1. This weekend's message began with an explanation of the, "Passover Lamb." **Exodus 11-12** tells the story of the work of God for the people of Israel while they were slaves in Egypt. The lamb they were told to use for their sacrifice on that first Passover night was to be pure and loved by the family. Knowing that Jesus is our new and better Passover Lamb, how does He fulfill the requirements? Share what this truth means to you?

2. Read **Isaiah 53:2-3** - He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. People misunderstood how the prophesied Messiah would come. Some thought it would be a King (**Ps.45:3-5**) and were disappointed when He came in peace - He did not meet their expectations. Others were looking for something different. (**Zech. 9:9**). How can both these prophetic descriptions of the Messiah be true at the same time?

Share a way that you have realized that you have viewed Jesus in an incorrect way? What issues did this cause within you?

3. In the message this past weekend, Pastor Tevis said that traditions can be meaningful and transformational or they can be controlling. Spiritual traditions can be this way too. What are some spiritual traditions that you would say are meaningful and transformational?

What are others that you would say are controlling? Keep in mind that the same traditions can be one way for one person and totally different to another. How do you think this is possible? Share examples.

4. In **John 12:12**, we read about Jesus entering Jerusalem. As He comes through the streets on a donkey, there were shouts of, **"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."** Just days later, the crowds of people are yelling "Crucify Him!" What are your thoughts on how this could have happened?

Have you ever felt you were 'disappointed' by Jesus or your attitude toward Him change in a negative way? Share how you battled through these times.

5. In **John 1:29**, John the Baptist declares: **The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"** In this passage, we see Jesus identify as Messiah and the Lamb of God! God provided His own Son (the second person of the Trinity) as the way of deliverance for us! What is your response to this truth?

How should this affect the way you live out your life?