

## Good Friday: The Slain Lamb

Revelation 5:6-10

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Q. What's so good about Good Friday?

\*Quote Isaiah 53 (prophesied 700 years before Christ)

-Gospel of the OT

-God has used this passage among the Jewish nation

Gospels:

John 1:29 - John the Baptist was a prophet and forerunner of JC

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (also Jn. 1:36)

**Main Point:** The Lamb who was slain is the only one who has the power to save us from our sins.

\*Opening Prayer

**Review:**

in context: "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" (no one) except "The Lion of the Tribe of Judah"

### Revelation 5:6-10

**6** And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. **7** And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. **8** And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. **9** And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, **10** and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

\*John does a double take

Breakdown:

v. 6 - lamb used in ref. to Christ 29 times in Revelation (young lamb)

Jesus standing in the center...

Commentary:

'None but an inspired composer of heavenly visions would ever have thought of it. When earth-bound men want symbols of power they conjure up mighty beasts and birds of prey. Russia elevates the bear, Britain the lion, France the tiger, the United States the spread eagle—all of them ravenous. It is only the Kingdom of Heaven that would dare to use as its symbol of might, not the Lion for which John was looking but the helpless Lamb, and at that, a slain lamb.' Morris, L. (1987). *Revelation: an introduction and commentary* (Vol. 20, pp. 97–98). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

7 horns - strength and might, number of perfection (omnipotent)

7 eyes - perfectly seeing, all-knowing, nothing escapes him (omniscient)

7 spirits of God - reference to the Holy Spirit

-there is a contrast of the slain lamb and the strength, power, and omniscience he possesses

**v. 7** - And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne

-the audacity of this lamb is shocking

**v. 8** - And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

-creatures and elders fall down in worship (harp for music)

-the precious nature of our prayers - in golden bowls that are the incense of heaven

\*the prayers of the saints - the aroma of heaven - the power of prayer (an act of worship)

**v. 9** - And they sang a new song...

“new song” - like the new name, new Jerusalem, new heaven and earth

Will spend the majority of our time here:

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

**The Lamb is worthy to take the scroll and open its seals...**not just because He's Jesus

## 1. He was slain

Jesus on the cross - Good Friday

John 19:30 - "It is finished" *tetelestai* in greek

When Jesus said it is finished, it means the price has been paid and the debt has been cancelled.

**Main Point:** The Lamb who was slain is the only one who has the power to save us from our sins.

\*He acted as the lamb before the lion...this is the kingdom of God (humility is strength, sacrifice is victory, death is resurrection)

-things got so bad that God had to die to save us

## 2. He ransomed people for God

for you were slain, "and by your blood you ransomed people for God"

Mark 10:45 - For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (I Cor. 6:20, 5:21)

I Corinthians 6:20 - "for you were bought with a price"

II Corinthians 5:21 - For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

-He paid the penalty of our sin by dying on the cross so we can be made right with God

I Peter 1:18-19 - knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

I Corinthians 5:7- ...For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. (Isa. 53 prophesied it, NT pointed to it)

### Connections - The Passover Lamb

Exodus 12:3-6 (\*show pic)

In Egypt:

-each household is to take a young lamb, without blemish and bring into their home for 4 days

-at the end of the 4th day they are to kill the lamb and put the blood over the doorposts of their home

-they are to eat the Passover meal

-when the destroyer comes, he will pass over the homes of those covered with the blood of the lamb

\*this final plague is what ultimately sets them free from the land of Egypt (this Passover was celebrated every year to commemorate this time)

-Leviticus 1-7 laid out the law for dealing with sacrificial sin offerings

-when the law came into affect, blood sacrifices were required to atone for people's sins

Leviticus 17:11

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

-A "sacrifice" is something offered up to make atonement for wrongdoing. Being covered by a blood sacrifice sets free from the consequence of sin

The book of Hebrews weighs in...

Hebrews 9:22

Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. (9:12, 10:12)

Hebrews 9:12

He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Hebrews 10:12

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

"It is finished" paid in full, finished, for all times

The final, once and for all sacrifice of Jesus, the perfect, spotless lamb of God, made it possible for men to be redeemed and made right with God.

**Main Point:** The Lamb who was slain is the only one who has the power to save us from our sins.

Passover meal:

Matthew 26:28 - for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (Eph. 1:7, 1 John 1:7)

2. **He ransomed people for God** (from every tribe, language, people, and nation)

**v. 9** - “from every tribe and language and people and nation,”  
universal nature of the church - tribe, language, people, and nation (India, Mexico, Kenya, Japan)

ethnes - nations - people groups

\*India trip -2700 people groups

India - 1.4 billion

Greater Delhi - 45 million people

Zamrudpur - 150,000

God’s plan from the beginning in Genesis - fill the earth with worshippers

*Original Monotheism...*

Romans 1

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. **22** Claiming to be wise, they became fools, **23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

33 million gods?

-Upcoming Unreached Prayer Night for April - China (stats)

We serve a global God

\*Quote John 3:16

1. **He was slain**
2. **He ransomed people for God** (from every tribe, language, people, and nation)
3. **He made them to be a kingdom of priests**

**v. 10** - and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” (see I Peter 2:9)

I Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

\*the priesthood of all believers...what does this mean?

Holy of holies, the torn veil, etc.

“...and they shall reign on the earth.”

Commentary:

“...the long anticipated defeat of sin, death and Satan is about to be accomplished. Christ will return to earth in triumph and establish His glorious millennial kingdom. The curse will be reversed, the believing remnant of Israel will be saved, and the church will be granted the privilege of reigning with Christ.”

\*Bible Reading plan - April - Epistles of Paul

March - Romans, I & II Corinthians

Romans 15:21 - but as it is written,  
“Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand.” (quoting Isaiah)

-God is constantly pursuing people

Isaiah 52:14-15 - Fusion church

Behold, my servant shall act wisely;  
he shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.

**14** As many were astonished at you—  
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

**15** so shall he sprinkle many nations.  
Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,  
for that which has not been told them they see,  
and that which they have not heard they understand.

Roman 10:20 - Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,  
“I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.”

Isaiah 65:1 - I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;  
I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

Not only is God reaching people right here...

\*In places like India, China, Kenya, Japan, Iran, God is revealing Himself to people in miraculous ways!

**Main Point:** The Lamb who was slain is the only one who has the power to save us from our sins.

**Application:** Repent, believe, confess, surrender...The Gospel

Rev 7:9-10 - After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, **10** and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Revelation 19:9

And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

\*Passover meal

Communion - Chris

Closing Prayer