

THE LAMB OF GOD
JOHN 1:29 / APRIL 16, 2017 AM

I. JOHN THE BAPTIST MAY HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE SACRIFICIAL LAMB.

- A. This is what the Passover lamb was called.
- B. When John spoke these words about Jesus, the Passover was very near—John 2:13.
- C. God instructed Moses to tell the people of Israel to sacrifice a year old lamb without blemish—Ex. 12:12-13.
- D. The Apostle Paul also thought of Jesus as the Sacrificial Lamb—1 Cor. 5:7.

II. JOHN THE BAPTIST MAY HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE SIN-OFFERING LAMB.

- A. This is what the Temple lambs were called.
- B. God instructed Israel's priests to offer a single lamb both morning and evening in the Temple as a sin offering—Exo. 29:38-38.
- C. These Temple lambs, though, only served to "cover" the sins of Israel—Heb. 10:4.
- D. John the Baptist, however, declared that Jesus wouldn't just cover sins—John 1:29.
- E. The Apostle John would echo this same truth—1 John 1:7.

III. JOHN THE BAPTIST MAY HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE SUFFERING LAMB.

- A. This is what Isaiah called the Lamb of God---Isa. 53:3-4, 7.
- B. Jesus was our Suffering Lamb.

IV. JOHN THE BAPTIST MAY HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE SUBSTITUTIONARY LAMB.

- A. In Genesis 22, God ordered Abraham to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice—Gen. 22:2.
- B. On the way, Isaac asked his father a question—Gen. 22:6-8.
- C. Little did Abraham know how true that would be.
 - 1. God offered a substitute for Isaac—Gen. 22:13.
 - 2. God also offered a substitute for us, Jesus.