

Behold the Lamb of God!

I. Introduction: John 1:29; 34-36

- A. Christ was foretold to be as a lamb (**Isaiah 53:6-7**; cf. **Acts 8:32-35**).
 - 1. Jesus understood His mission (**Matthew 20:17-19**; cf. **Acts 3:12-18**).
 - 2. For our sakes, He saw it through (**II Corinthians 8:9**; cf. **Hebrews 2:9-10; 9:13-15**).
- B. It was man's faults that brought the need of a Savior (**Romans 5:14-19** and **I Corinthians 15:21-22**; cf. **Ecclesiastes 7:29** and **Ezekiel 28:15**).
 - 1. Though sin was of man, salvation is of God (**I Thessalonians 5:8-9**).
 - 2. The sins of man caused the death of the just one (**I Peter 3:18**).

II. Body: Christ, the Lamb of God, is greatly misunderstood (**Matthew 15:12-16**, **Mark 8:14-21**, and **Luke 24:44-45**).

- A. People perceive our Savior to be a weak lamb (**Matthew 26:51-54; 27:29-44**).
 - 1. He is also as a lion (**Revelation 5:5-6**).
 - 2. Try painting this picture of Jesus (**Revelation 1:13-19**).
- B. People think Jesus was followed by the masses (**John 3:19-21; 15:18-25**).
 - 1. The majority choose wrongly (**Matthew 7:13-14**; cf. **II Peter 2:1-3**).
 - 2. Even the closest disciples failed Him (**Luke 22:31-34**, **Matthew 16:21-28**, **Matthew 28:16-17**, **Mark 16:10-14**, and **Luke 24:1-11**).
- C. People think our Lord was crucified by the will of man (**Matthew 27:17-26**).
 - 1. It was God's will (**Acts 2:22-23**).
 - 2. Christ too had a choice in the matter (**John 10:14-18**).
- D. Some have thought Jesus to fear death because of **Matthew 26:35-45** and **Hebrews 5:7-9**.
 - 1. Reason says, this would have made Jesus a sinner and contradictor (**Luke 12:4-5**, **Hebrews 13:5-6**, **Revelation 2:10**, and **Revelation 21:8**).
 - 2. Jesus died to deliver us from the fear of death (**Hebrews 2:14-15**).
 - 3. Furthermore, Paul would have made a better Savior if Jesus feared dying, pain, or imprisonment (**Acts 20:22-24; 21:10-14**).
 - 4. Finally, the statement "save him from death" is clarified in scriptures (**Acts 2:24-32**; cf. **James 5:20**).

III. Conclusion:

- A. We need to "get it" (**I Corinthians 14:20** and **Colossians 1:9-11**).
- B. The Lamb has two hands, of which are you (**Matthew 25:31-46**)?