

Exploring Christianity Study 6

Jesus, The Lamb of God

Introduction

In the past five studies we looked at your need for a personal faith in Jesus Christ as your own Saviour. We are now going to look at an Old Testament event that is referred to briefly in John's gospel.

Section 1 — The Passover Feast.

The Jews knew the importance of a lamb in God's dealings with them. Centuries before, when they were in slavery in Egypt, God put pressure on Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt to let His people go (Exodus 7-12). God used 10 judgements to persuade Pharaoh to release the Jews (probably numbered about 2 million people). God was just and righteous in judging idolatrous Egypt. Now we will examine the last of these judgements which is described in the book of Exodus, chapter 12. Read from verse 2 to verse 13 and answer the questions.

- 1a What was every house to have (Exodus 12:3)?
Every home was to have a _____.
- 1b What was the requirement for the lamb (Exodus 12:5)?
The lamb had to be without _____.
- 1c What was to be done to the lamb (Exodus 12:6)?
It was to be _____.
- 1d Where was the blood of the lamb to be put (Exodus 12:7)?
The blood was to be put on the _____ of the doorway and on the _____ of the doorway of each house.
- 1e When God saw the blood on the doorway, what did He do (Exodus 12:12-13, 23)?
He _____ over that home, and no harm came to the inhabitants.
- 1f What happened to the firstborn in the homes that refused to obey God's command concerning the passover (Exodus 12:29-30)? The firstborn _____.

The Jews celebrate the Passover each year as a memorial of that event.

Section 2 — Jesus – the Lamb of God, God's Remedy for Sin.

- 2a What did John the Baptist call Jesus (John 1:29)?
John called Him the _____ of God who _____ away the _____ of the world.
- 2b What cannot redeem the soul of man (1 Peter 1:18)? Silver and _____ cannot redeem the soul of man.
- 2c What can redeem the soul of man (1 Peter 1:19)?
Only the precious _____ of Jesus Christ can redeem the soul of man.
- 2d To what is Jesus Christ compared in this verse (1 Peter 1:19)?

- Jesus Christ is compared to a _____ that is without _____ or _____ .
- 2e Why was Jesus Christ manifested (revealed) (1 John 3:5)?
He was manifested to _____ away our _____ .
- 2f How much sin was in Jesus Christ (1 John 3:5)?
There was _____ sin in Jesus Christ.
- 2g What is required for the remission (forgiveness) of sin (Hebrews 9:22)?
The _____ of blood is required for the remission (forgiveness) of sin.

Thus the blood of a sinless substitute is needed to take away the judgement due for sin. Jesus Christ, being both God and a sinless man, was the perfect substitute (i.e He was the sinless, spotless Lamb of God).

Section 3 — God's Love for Lost Sinners (Those still on the Broad Road).

- 3a In a previous study, we learned that everyone on earth is on one of two roads – either the road to life or the road to destruction. Please read Matthew 7:13-14 again to remind you of this.
- 3b We now look at what exactly took place on the cross of Calvary when Jesus Christ died.
Read 1 Peter 3:18 (quoted below).
"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God..."
Some questions on this verse:
- 3c For what did Jesus Christ suffer? He suffered for _____ .
- 3d Whose sins are these? They are the sins of the _____ .
- 3e Who is the just one? _____ .
- 3f Who are the unjust ones? _____ .
- 3g How many times did Jesus Christ suffer for sins?
He suffered _____ for sin.
- 3h What was the purpose of this suffering? To bring _____ to God.
- 3i Where did Jesus Christ suffer? _____ .
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Section 4 — Your Response to God's Offer of Eternal Life.

All the lambs killed through the years pointed to Jesus Christ who would come later as "the lamb of God" to have His blood shed, so that all who take him as Saviour might be saved by faith. These people are saved from the anger of God against sin. God's judgement has already "passed over" them once they have taken Him as their Saviour.

- 4a Those who believe God's message (concerning Jesus Christ) have _____ life (John 5:24).
- 4b These people will not come into _____ but have passed already from _____ to _____ (John 5:24).
- 4c What is resting on those people who do not believe on Jesus Christ (John 3:36)?
The _____ of God is resting (abiding) on them.
- 4d Knowing all of the above, how can a person be saved (Romans 10:8-13)?
It is necessary to _____ on the Lord for salvation.
You do not have to be in a special building to call upon the Lord for salvation.
You can call upon Him anywhere, in your own home for example.

Conclusion

A verse of an old hymn called "Rock of Ages" reads:

"Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace:
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die."

- Jesus Christ came to die on the cross of Calvary for the sins of the world - for your sins.
- Why not thank him for being the Lamb of God, whose blood was shed for you to take away your sins?
- Why not receive Him by faith as your Saviour and Lord?
- Is there any good reason why you should not call upon the Lord to save you?
- Why not call upon the Lord right now to save you?
- When God sees your trust in the blood of Christ, He will not look upon your record of sins any more. Instead God will see the perfect record of Christ in your place.
- If you call upon the Lord to save you, what does He promise to do (Romans 10:12-13)?
He promises to _____ me.
How can you be sure that He will do this?