

# Sunday, March 26, 2023

*1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."*

**Title:** Behold the Lamb of God Who Takes  
Away the Sin of the World!!

**Series:** Easter 2023...1

**Text:** John 1:1 - 37

**Purpose:** I want to MOTIVATE my congregation CONFESS and FOLLOW Jesus Christ of Nazareth!

## Introduction:

A reminder of last week's devotional entitled,  
'Paul's Concluding Counsel and Greetings':

- ~ 1. Walk Steadfastly in Prayer
- ~ 2. Walk with an Attitude of Thanksgiving
- ~ 3. Walk in Wisdom
- ~ 4. Walk in Fellowship

~ Nehemiah 8:8, "They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading."

Take special note of

John 1:3 & 4, 10 & 11, 12 & 13, 14, 29 & 36, 37

## 1. A Lamb to Cover Me:

~ vs. 29, "*The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*"

Without the Old Testament this statement is very hard to understand.

~ Genesis 2:17 & 3:17, "*but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.*" and 3:17, "*And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;"*"

Result of this rebellion: a) awareness of nakedness, b) knowing good and evil (Romans 1 & 2), c) spiritual death (Ephesians 2), d) eventual physical death (Genesis 5) e) slaves to sin (Romans 6)

~ Genesis 3:21, "*And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.*"

~ Exodus 12:1 - 7, the blood had to be personally applied

~ John 1:12 - 13, "*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, (13) who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor the will of man, but God.*"

Compare with Revelation 5

~ 1 Peter 4:8, "*Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.*"

and Proverbs 17:9, "*Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.*"

## 2. A Lamb not of the Flock:

~ John 1:14, "*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*"

~ Philippians 2:5 - 11, "*Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, (6) who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, (7) but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. (8) and being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (9) Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, (10) so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, (11) and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*"

## 3. A Lamb with Power to Set Me Free:

~ Freed from spiritual death: Ephesians 2:1 - 10, vs. 5, "*even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved*"

~ Freed from the labors of my flesh: Philippians 3:9, "*and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith*"

~ Freed from slavery to sin: Romans 6:6 - 7, "*We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. (7) For one who has died has been set free from sin.*"

~ Freed from death: Romans 8:1 - 11, "*For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*"

~ Freed from judgment: "Hebrews 9:27 - 28, "*And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, (28) so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly wait for him.*"

## Conclusion:

Prayer