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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

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SCRIPTURE READING: **JOHN 1:28-42**

John 1:29, *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

1. BACKGROUND

- a. Our text today is from the **Gospel of John**. I take the position that John is the author of this book because all the other apostles were dead.
- b. It was possibly written close to A. D. 100.
- c. The **Gospel of John** was written primarily for believers. This book appears to be simple, yet it is very profound.
- d. John emphasizes both the Deity and the humanity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **John 1:11-12** tells us, **He came unto**

His own, and his own received Him not. 12: But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name.

- e. John uses some unique expressions. As an example, in **John 14:20** he says, *At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.* We know the term, "ye in me" means salvation; and "I in you" means sanctification.
- f. There is no question that John writes a spiritual Gospel, and he leaves no stones unturned. John does not take us to Bethlehem, but to the beginning.
- g. The **Book of John** opens by saying *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
John 1:1
- h. *"In the beginning"* goes back as far as our minds can go and we will find Jesus there in eternity past.
- i. *There is no question that the Lord Jesus was both human and Divine.* John tells us in **John 1:3** that *All things were made by*

Him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

- j. In **John 1:14**, he tells us, *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.* John was speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself coming to save mankind.
- k. The **Book of John** covers the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ more extensively than any other gospel writer.
- l. John gives us seven appearances of our Lord Jesus after His resurrection.
 - 1. The first and most dramatic appearance was to Mary Magdalene in the garden.
 - 2. The second appearance was to the disciples in the upper room, *Thomas being absent.*
 - 3. The third appearance was again to the disciples in the upper room when *Thomas was present.*

4. The fourth appearance was by the Sea of Galilee.
5. There were three other appearances by our Saviour as He showed Himself alive for forty days after His resurrection by many infallible proofs. **Acts 1:3**, To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

- m. It was on the fortieth day that Jesus ascended into heaven and took His seat at the right hand of the Father. **Acts 1:11**, *Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Acts 2:33, Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.*
- n. He commissioned and prepared Simon Peter in his discourse in

John 21:15-17 as He quizzed him about his love for Him. **So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. 16: He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. 17: He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.**

- o. Peter got the message. On the Day of Pentecost, he preached and 3000 souls were saved. A later scripture indicates that another 5000 were added to the body of Christ.
- p. The Lord Jesus said in **John 8:12, Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me**

shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. In

John 14:6, Jesus said, *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

In **John 6:35**, Jesus speaks again, *And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*

q. John gives us the purpose of the writing of this particular book in **John 20:30-31** when he says, *And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*

r. The **Gospel of John** leaves no stones unturned. *We already know it is not by works of righteousness that we are saved.* He emphatically tells Nicodemus it is not about religion. **John 3:3**, *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the*

kingdom of God.

- s. John tells us in no uncertain terms that Jesus is the way. Jesus is the one who went to the cross and died for our sins according to the Scriptures.
- t. The Deity of Christ is emphasized in this Gospel. It is considered the foreground; however, John has not lost sight of the humanity of Christ.
- u. It tells us our Lord was weary of His journey as He went through Samaria. It also tells us He wept which points out the fact of His humanity. **John 4:6, Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. John 11:35, Jesus wept.**
- v. The last thing I want to emphasize from this remarkable book is that **John 16:28** says, I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.
- w. God became a man. This is a simple statement and a fact of

the **Gospel of John. John 1:14, And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**

- x. A short brief on the themes in the **Book of John** are:
1. God loves each of us so much that he gave us His son so that anyone believing in Jesus should not perish but shall have eternal life. **Ephesians 1:13, In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, John 3:16, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**
 2. Miracles are given not only to heal, but also as a sign pointing to Jesus. **Mark 16:20, And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.**

3. God expects us to love not only Him, but our neighbors also.
4. Christ understands our hurts. He paid the supreme sacrifice to heal them. This healing involves the sin-sick soul. **Isaiah 53:5-6**, *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. John 15:3*, *Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.*
5. The Holy Spirit gives us an eternal peace which the world cannot understand, cannot manufacture, and cannot purchase. **Romans 5:1**, *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the April 17, 2022 Morning Message for the

Introduction.

3. SIX POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

h. John was baptizing.

1. **John 1:28**, *These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.*
2. Here we are told that there was an actual geographical location.
3. People want to spiritualize the Bible, which we cannot do. Here is the exact spot where John was baptizing. **Psalms 138:2**, *I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.*
4. John is showing us the One who is coming from eternity past; the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.
5. John was engaged in the act of baptism, but we will find out later on that John's baptism was a baptism unto

repentance.

6. When the Lord Jesus Christ baptizes us, He baptizes us with the Holy Spirit. **Romans 6:4**, *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*
7. This identifies us with Him; His death, burial and resurrection.

i. Behold the Lamb of God.

1. **John 1:29**, *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*
2. John takes time to identify Jesus Christ.
3. First, he says Jesus is coming unto him. Jesus is about to appear then John says, **“Behold the Lamb of God,”** and He ***“taketh away the sin of the world.”***
4. John knows that Jesus is the Messiah and the Saviour of the World.

5. John is emphasizing He is the Lamb of God!
6. Jesus Christ is a complete Saviour; we are complete in Him.
Colossians 2:10, And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:
7. He takes away sin. There is no man who can take away sin other than the Lord Jesus Christ. **1 John 3:5, And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.**
8. He is a mighty Saviour. He takes away our past, present and our future sins. **Psalms 103:12, As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.**
9. He is a perpetual Saviour, which means all of our sins are place under the blood of Christ. **1 John 1:7, But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**

10. He is the fulfillment of the Lamb when God told Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. **Genesis 22:7-8**, *And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? 8: And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.*
11. This gives us a lesson. Look at Cain and Abel in the Old Testament. Abel brought a lamb and Cain brought the fruit of the ground.
12. Cain was wrong and Abel was right because there had to be a blood sacrifice. **Hebrews 9:22**, *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.*
13. All of the lambs that were slain on the altars are all now about to be fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God goes to the cross to take away the sins of mankind.

Hebrews 10:4, For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. **Hebrews 10:9-10**, Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. **10:** By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **Hebrews 10:12**, But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

j. After me cometh a man which is preferred before me.

1. **John 1:30-31**, This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. **33:** And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.
2. John tells us that the real baptizer is coming later.
3. Jesus Christ is the One who will baptize with the Holy Spirit

and later on with fire as God has committed all judgment to His Son. **John 5:22**, *For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:*

4. John tells us that he knew Him not, but He should be made manifest to Israel that is why John baptizes with water.
5. Therefore, we conclude that John was a forerunner of the Lord Jesus Christ to announce that He was on the way.
6. It is amazing how clear Scripture is when you allow Scripture to interpret itself.

k. And John bare record.

1. **John 1:32-36**, *And John bare record*, *saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33: And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. 34: And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.*

35: *Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; 36: And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!*

2. John gives us a detailed description of the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. What we need to keep in our mind is He is the Lamb of God. **"Behold the Lamb of God!"**
4. Jesus was there in person now and John baptizes Jesus.
5. Jesus was identified by the Holy Spirit descending like a dove. ***"the Spirit descending, and remaining on him,"***
6. John is able to identify Him because of this.
7. In order to clarify let's go to **Matthew 3:16-17, And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

8. There is no one who can substitute for Him; He is the one who is the sin barrier of the whole world.
9. John is now joined by two of his disciples that witnessed the event.
10. We are now able to look upon Jesus Christ who is the author and finisher of our faith. **Hebrews 12:2, *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.***
11. There is salvation in none other than Jesus Christ. **Acts 4:12, *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.***

I. And the two disciples heard him speak.

1. **John 1:37-39, And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38: Then Jesus turned, and saw them**

following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? 39: He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

2. Remember the two disciples mentioned earlier? Now we find out some details about them.
3. Jesus gives them an invitation to come and see. That is the same invitation that He gives every lost person.
4. **Matthew 11:28-29**, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29: Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*
5. **Psalms 34:8**, *O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.*
6. The time is identified as being late in the day.
7. These are John's disciples, and we will find out the name of

that disciple; Andrew.

8. Andrew was a soul winner and goes and gets his brother.

m. We have found the Messias.

1. **John 1:40-42**, *One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41: He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. 42: And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.*
2. Simon was weak when he first came to Jesus, but Jesus sees through it and looks to his potential and says he will be a stone.
3. A stone for the Gospel.
4. Always remember that Peter was not the Rock; that was Jesus Christ Himself. **Matthew 16:15-18**, *He saith unto them,*

But whom say ye that I am? 16: And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17: And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18: And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 1 Corinthians 10:4, And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

5. Peter got the message because he was allowed to preach on the Day of Pentecost and three thousand souls were saved and later another 5000 were added to the Church.
6. This is all possible because of the witness of Andrew and the witness of Peter.
7. John the Baptist was the forerunner to testify that Jesus

was in fact coming.

8. The revealer of God was Andrew and he testified that Jesus was the Messiah.
9. Phillip testified that Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament.
10. Nathanael witnessed that Jesus is the Son of God; the King of Israel; the King of kings and Lord of lords.
11. This is the precious Saviour whom I present to you today.
12. In order to know Him we must come to a personal relationship with Him. **John 1:12, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:**

4. CONCLUSION

- a. My Friend do you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour?
- b. If you do not know Him; today is the day of salvation. **2 Corinthians 6:2, (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee:**

behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

- c. Jesus is the only way to Heaven. **John 14:6**, *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*
- d. **John 1:14**, *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*
- e. In order to know Jesus Christ we must come into a personal relationship with Him. **Philippians 3:10**, *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 2 Corinthians 13:5*, *Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?*
- f. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

- g. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- h. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- i. Please stand.

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