

# The Lamb of God

John 1:29–37 · This week: We Have Found the Messiah, John 1

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## START

John the Baptist saw Jesus walking toward him and said, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

## READ TOGETHER

Everyone in Israel knew what a lamb meant. Lambs were offered at the temple, and each Passover a lamb without blemish was killed and eaten, as on the night Israel left Egypt (Exodus 12:5–7).

### JOHN 1:29

<sup>29</sup>The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

### JOHN 1:35–37

<sup>35</sup>Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; <sup>36</sup>And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! <sup>37</sup>And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

## WHAT IT TEACHES

Isaiah had described the Messiah as one who “is brought as a lamb to the slaughter” (Isaiah 53:7). John was saying that Jesus would be the sacrifice every other lamb had pointed to.

The next day John said it again to two of his own disciples, and they left John to follow Jesus (John 1:35–37). John was glad to lose followers to the

Savior. Later he said, “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30).

Elder Gerrit W. Gong taught about two of the Savior’s titles, the Good Shepherd and the Lamb of God. *“Because He has laid down His life for us and is now gloriously resurrected, Jesus Christ is also the perfect Lamb of God.”*

Elder Gerrit W. Gong, “Good Shepherd, Lamb of God,” General conference, April 2019

Peter wrote that we are redeemed “with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:19). Each week the sacrament helps us remember the Lamb who takes away our sins.

## TALK ABOUT IT

**John the Baptist pointed his own followers to Jesus. How can we point people to the Savior instead of to ourselves?**

## TAKE TO CHURCH

John the Baptist said, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” Every Passover lamb pointed to Jesus Christ, and the sacrament points to him now.