

# JESUS the Lamb of God John 1:29-36 Rev. 5:8-14 Inv. song: 307

## *Are You Washed in the Blood of the Lamb?*

### **1. I can't think of a more innocent or gentle animal than a little lamb**

Tracey Kruger's orphaned lambs in baby jumpers ease loneliness around the world (ABC NEWS)

### **2. Which makes it even harder to imagine having to sacrifice a lamb for my sins**

- a. Every Day, morning and evening a lamb was sacrificed at temple in Jerusalem,  
the daily sacrifices for the sins of the people
- b. And Once a Year, each person brought a lamb to be sacrificed at the Passover

### **3. And It Wasn't Fair! — The Person Who Sins Should Pay the Price, Not an Innocent Animal! But This is A Substitutionary Sacrifice.**

### **4. The Innocent Life Died, So the Guilty Could Live...**

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## **I. THE SACRIFICIAL LAMB**

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### **A. ABRAHAM**

#### **1. God required animal sacrifice for sin even before the Flood, before the Law of Moses—But the Law explained what it was (Leviticus 17:11)**

- a) Hebrew [Atonement] “to atone for, make reconciliation, purge, wipe clean, cleanse.”
- b) In English: Atonement: “at-one-ment” meaning to re-unite as one

#### **2. Abraham was a man of God and although he was childless,**

**He trusted in the promise God gave that he would have a son,**

- a) that through His descendants all the nations of the earth would be blessed.
- b) God was faithful to His promise and at the age 100 Abraham was finally blessed with the son of promise—Issac.

#### **3. But when Issac was a still young, God asked Abraham to take him up on a specific mountain, and offer Issac as a sacrifice. (Genesis 22:1-2, 6-8)**

- a) Abraham bound his son and placed him on the altar...
- b) And Just as Abraham is about to plunge the knife into him an Angel stops him
- c) God commended Abraham for His faith—and provided the Lamb for the sacrifice

### **B. PASSOVER**

#### **1. Pharaoh refused to let Abraham's family, God's Chosen People go,**

- a) Even After Being Warned—the Pharaoh Worked the Israelites Even Harder
- b) And even after terrible plagues on the land... Pharaoh Refused to Let them Go...

#### **2. The 10th and Final Plague would be the Death of the 1st born male children**

- a) God told the Israelites to sacrifice a spotless male lamb w/o blemish 1 year old
- b) They were to put the blood of the Lamb on the doorposts of their houses.

to Be Saved from the Wrath of God (**Exodus 12:12-13**)

- c) This was the First Passover and it took place while they were in slavery in Egypt

#### **3. The Blood of the Lamb not only Cleansed from Sin but Saved from Death**

## C. THE TEMPLE SACRIFICES

1. Sin is what separates us from God—so God provided an atonement for sin
  - a) The Death of an Innocent Lamb who had to be put to death for no cause of its own but as a Tragic Substitute for the tragic sins of each person.
  - b) Morning & Evening Every Day for the Daily Sacrifices at Temple in Jerusalem
2. Once a Year all the People brought a Lamb w/o spot or blemish 1 yr old for Passover to be sacrificed at the Temple.

—>*But all of this was going to end—God was going to provide a better sacrifice for sin*

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## II. JESUS THE LAMB OF GOD

### A. JESUS IS THE LAMB OF GOD

1. When the prophet John saw Jesus walking toward him, and said,  
**“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (Jn 1:29)**
2. Just as we saw on w/ Abraham on Mount Moriah—the same mountain  
**Solomon was instructed to Build the Temple in Jerusalem (2 Chron 3:1)**
  - (1) God told Abraham to Offer His Only Son of Promise—  
—God offered His Only Son of Promise
  - (2) Issac had to carry the wood up the mountain —  
—Jesus would Carry His Cross up the very same mountain
  - (3) Isaac submitted to his father to be placed on Altar for Sacrifice—  
—Jesus Submitted to His Father to be put on a cross for Sacrifice.
  - (4) Issac asked where was the sacrifice and Abraham said: God will provide...  
—Jesus asked if the cup of suffering could pass from Him...  
But He submitted as the Lamb of God for the sins of the whole world.
  - (5) Isaac and Jesus were Both Brought Back from the Dead:  
Isaac figuratively — and Jesus Literally
  - (6) Abraham returns but Isaac is not heard from again (in the Bible)  
until Isaac is introduced to his bride...  
Christ ascended to heaven and will return again for His Bride (the Church)
  - (7) The father and son—Abraham and Isaac’s Story was Completed by  
The Father and Son—God the Father and Jesus the Son—  
God Provided the Lamb for Sacrifice!

### B. JESUS IS THE PASSOVER LAMB OF GOD

1. When the Ethiopian Treasurer was returning from worshipping God in Jerusalem he was reading about the suffering of Jesus (**Acts 8:26–35**)
  - (1) Just as Flocks from Bethlehem were supplied to the Temple Priests for Sacrifice—  
Jesus was born in Bethlehem and the Good News was first announced to the Shepherds of Bethlehem who tended the flocks raised for Temple Sacrifice.
  - (2) Just as the Passover Lamb was killed by the Priests—  
Jesus was led to the slaughter by the priests.

- (3) Just as the Passover Lamb was in the prime of its life—  
Jesus was sacrificed in the prime of His life.
- (4) Just as the Passover Lamb was to be Male and without Blemish—  
Jesus was Male and was also without Sin.
- (5) The Israelites were instructed not to break any bones of the Passover lamb—  
Jesus was crucified but Not a single bone was broken.
- (6) The Passover Lamb was to be Sacrificed at a particular time of Passover—  
Jesus was Crucified at the Exact Time of the Passover sacrifice.
- (7) The Blood of the lamb was to be taken through the Veil into the Holy of Holies—  
When Jesus died the Veil of the Temple was torn where the blood of the Lamb was taken.
- (8) The blood of the lamb was sprinkled onto their doorposts as a sign to God, so  
whoever stayed in the house behind the blood of lamb was safe from God's judgment.  
Whoever stays in Christ, washed in the blood of Jesus will be safe from judgment.
- (9) The Passover lamb opened a way to freedom from years of slavery in Egypt.  
Jesus' sacrifice sets us free us from the slavery of sin.
- (10) The Passover Meal was a Memorial to Remember that God's judgement passed  
over those who had the blood of the lamb on their doorposts,  
Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper at the Passover Meal as a Memorial to His  
Body and Blood shed for the Forgiveness of Sin to protect us from Judgement.

## 2. Jesus is the Passover Lamb of God...

***For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. (1 Cor. 5:7)***  
***(Romans 5:8–9)***

## III. THE IMPLICATIONS FOR US

### A. ONLY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB CAN SAVE

1. **The Bible Asks a Critical Question: "Who can say, "I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin"?** (Proverbs 20:9) **ANSWER: No One**
  - a) You Can Be a Better Person, Forgive others, Be Nice, Give \$ charity, Read Self-Help Books, virtue signal on Social Media, Join the P.C. causes

### 2. **But You Cannot Atone for Your Own Sins...**

**You Cannot Make Yourself Pure Before a Holy God!**

- a) You Cannot Work Your Way to become Worthy Enough to Atone for your sin
- b) Even if you Searched All the Worlds Religions and all the Worlds Philosophies and Ideologies...
- c) YOU WILL NOT FIND GRACE IN ANY OF THEM!
- d) You'll Never Be GOOD Enough, SMART Enough, WOKE Enough, VIRTUOUS Enough, or WORK HARD ENOUGH!

3. **ONLY THE BLOOD OF JESUS CAN CLEANSE YOU OF YOUR SINS!**  
**(Revelation 7:13–17)**

## **B. GOD GAVE UP THE BEST OF HEAVEN FOR US (Romans 8:32)**

1. Are You Still Questioning God's Love For You?
2. Are You Still Questioning if God Wants What is Best for You? (8:28)
3. Are You Still Questioning God's Faithfulness?
4. Why Are We Still Questioning God When We Should Be Praising Him!

## **C. JESUS IS WORTHY OF ALL PRAISE (Revelation 5:8–12)**

**A Chorus of Praise Around the Throne, the voice of many angels**

**Ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,**

*"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom,  
And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"*

### **1. To Him belongs the power.**

Jesus has the power and authority over life and death (Revelation 12:10–11)

### **2. To Him belong the riches.**

*though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor,  
that you through His poverty might become rich. (2 Cor 8:9)*

### **3. To Him belongs the wisdom.**

*Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Cor 1:24)*

### **4. To Him belongs the strength.**

Christ disarmed the powers of evil and overthrew Satan

### **5. To Him belongs the honor.**

The day will come when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord (Philippians 2:11).

### **6. To Him belongs the glory.**

John wrote: 'We have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth' (John 1:14).

### **7. To Him belongs the blessing.**

Jesus left the glory & blessings of heaven to share His glory & blessing with us!

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. **Are You Washed in the Blood of the Lamb? (Revelation 12:11)**
  - **We Overcome By the Blood of the Lamb,**
  - **By Holding Fast to the Truth,**
  - **and By Being Faithful Unto Death**