

Christ the Lamb of God

John's announcement is the answer to Isaac's question, "Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" (Gen. 22:7).

The people of Israel were familiar with lambs for the sacrifices. At Passover, each family had to have a lamb; and during the year, two lambs a day were sacrificed at the temple altar, plus all the other lambs brought for personal sacrifices.

Those lambs were brought by men to men, but here is God's Lamb, given by God to men! Those lambs could not take away sin, but the Lamb of God can take away sin

The Passover lamb in Ex. 12 and the sacrificial lamb in Isa. 53 point to Christ.

There were many lambs slain in Old Testament history, but Christ is the Lamb of God.

The blood of lambs slain in the tabernacle or temple merely covered sin (Heb. 10:1-4), but Christ's blood takes away sin.

The lambs offered in the Old Testament days were for Israel alone, but Christ the lamb of God died for the sins of the whole world.

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