

THE LAMB OF GOD

Text: John 1:29

Jesus is easily and without a doubt the most talked about — and the most scrutinized — character in all of history.

I believe Jesus was baptized to show us the way to receive and the Holy Spirit, to fully enter the Kingdom of God. Ref: Matthew 3:15

"Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" Ref. John 1:29

Jesus came to take away our sins. Ref: Matthew 1:20-21

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way...(Isaiah 53:6)

The fact is, we're broken. We struggle with our brokenness and more often than not we lose the struggle.

You can make peace with your past, you can experience joy in the moment, and you can have hope for your future. That's what Jesus came to do, because he's the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD a.) The Passover Lamb. Ref: Exodus 12:13 b.) The sacrificial lamb of temple ritual. Ref: Exodus 29:38-39

The ritual was intended to be understood as a symbol of what would happen when God sent his son Jesus Christ into the world. Ref: Heb. 10:4

THE CONCEPT OF RESTITUTION

We are a disconnected culture. We have lost our way. Thank God He has provided the way.

We will never meet a person who is serious about living a deeper life who hasn't come to this conclusion: I need mercy. I need grace. I need a Savior.

Every sin in your past, present and future was placed upon Jesus, as he hung on a cruel Roman cross located in a dump on the outskirts of town.

And while he hung up on the cross, the restitution that you should have to pay to your Heavenly Father for the things you have done, he paid. He was like a spotless lamb paying the price for a sinful world. Ref: Isaiah 53:6; Isaiah 1:18

Just like our culture is a culture in which consequences must be faced and restitution must be paid, it's the same in the spiritual world. There are spiritual consequences to be faced and spiritual restitution that must be made.

But unlike our society, which is often erratic and unjust, the God of this universe is holy and good and merciful and kind — even when we don't deserve it.

He wants so much for you to be at peace with him, and at peace with yourself, and at peace with your past, and at peace with others, that he sent his Son into the world to do the do unimaginable: to make restitution for all the wrong you have done.

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:2)