

## John 1:29-34, "Behold the Lamb of God"

### INTRODUCTION

- Last week: John's testimony of who he is.
- Today: John's testimony of who Jesus is.

1:29, "Takes away" –

1. Jewish people had been sacrificing since the Exodus (1446 BC)...for almost 1,500 years!  
Yet here we have THE sacrifice for the people's sins. Not just covering sin; taking it away.
2. Present tense. Christ's sacrifice is never out of date. Sufficient for the sins of all time.

"The SIN" – Singular? Not just our everyday sins, but the one we were born with: original sin.

*"When we think of sin we tend to think of immorality. And if we are somewhat theologically minded we tend to think of sin as being selfishness or sin as rebellion. I submit to you that the Bible while it acknowledges that immorality & rebellion & selfishness is sin, it does not really define sin in those terms. The Bible is more acute than that. All of those things are the effects of sin. The effect of sin is immorality. The effect of sin is rebellion against God. One of the results of sin is selfishness. But sin in Scripture is said to be unbelief. Sin is unbelief. In fact the Lord Jesus said, "I am going to pray to the Father, and He's going to send you another comforter, and He's going to carry out a work. He's going to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment of sin because they believed not on me." That's the essence of the sin of the world. Sin is unbelief. That's the reason Adam fell." – S. Lewis Johnson*

1:32-33, Did the Holy Spirit not show up in the life of Jesus until His baptism?

- Mark Jones, *Puritan Theology*, "Christ's obedience in our place had to be real obedience. He did not cheat by relying on his own divine nature while He acted as the second Adam."