

Ordinary 2A

Great Trip to NY – Joe picked me up at JFK and we drove to Long Island

Joe sees me “Hello Santa” and he tugged my beard

His wife Liza “Hello Santa” OMG

Mike “Hello Santa” - but Mike has a new Jeep and he wanted to take me 4-wheeling

So we go through the woods – have lunch on the beach (I’m warm with my beard)

Joe – Dad, guess what Mom wants for Christmas? He shows me his beard trimmer.

So we fill the sink with my beard and the next day 2’ of snow (not warm now)

BUT I got see my new grandson - BABY LEO – TINY, perfect innocent lamb.

Today John the B sees Jesus and says ‘Behold the Lamb of God’

All of John’s disciples look up – Behold the what?

Crowds look up – Jesus? We know Jesus, the carpenter’s son, Why is He LOG?

Of all the things he could have said, why Lamb of God?

LOG has meaning for John!

First time in scripture is in IS53 – 600 years before Jesus.

NB It describes the feelings of God’s people as they look on JC on the cross:

It was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured. While we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted, he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins, by his stripes we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; But the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all. Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; Like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth.

To atone for the sin of the people, In the Temple, the High Priest would sacrifice a lamb
Pure Unblemished Innocent It paid the price for their sin

John calls JC the LAMB OF GOD because that is what He is about to become
JC is God’s sacrificial lamb – sacrificed for us

But John the B does something else in this Gospel

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." John 1:32,34 (NIV)

“I testify that this is the Son of God”. John the B says he is God’s eyewitness.

Just like a reporter standing on the street John testifies to what he sees and hears

We can now do the same

We can be God’s eyewitnesses – because we know the reality of Is 53 is true

We know that Jesus was God’s sacrificial lamb – for US

We know He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

In Revelation, there is a vision where a scroll is brought out sealed with seven seals.

The scroll is God’s plan for mankind – but it is sealed.

A voice cries out “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” But no one was worthy.

Then one of the elders says, "Do not weep. The lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has triumphed, enabling him to open the scroll with its seven seals." Then standing in the midst of the throne and the elders is a Lamb that had been slain. Only the lamb was worthy to once more restore God’s plan for mankind.