

PASSION CITY CHURCH

Study Guide

Behold The Lamb

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Major Points

- 1 The atonement — God giving Jesus as a sacrifice for sin — is the centerpiece of Christianity and what distinguishes it from every other religion**

Romans 3:25

- 2 The Passover lamb's blood on the doorpost foreshadowed Christ: salvation comes not through good works but through the blood of the Lamb over the doorpost of your life**

Exodus 12:13

- 3 The Old Testament sacrificial system was never perfect — it was always pointing forward to Jesus, the final and ultimate Lamb of God**

Hebrews 10:4

- 4 Jesus declared 'It is finished' on the cross, establishing the last Passover sacrifice and a new covenant in his blood for the forgiveness of sins**

John 19:30

- 5 All of heaven — the elders, living creatures, millions of angels, and every creature — centers its worship on the Lamb who was slain**

Revelation 5:12

Key Quotes

"sin doesn't make you bad, it makes you dead. Christ didn't come to improve you. He came to bring you from death to life.

at 12:26

"it wasn't their good works that caused the destroyer to pass over them. It was the blood on the doorpost in above. This is the gospel.

at 12:14

"This is how your sins are forgiven. It is not by praying a prayer, raising your hand or attending a church or trying to do good or being better than the next person is by having the blood of the Lamb of God over the door post of your life.

at 26:40

"can you imagine what it was like to see God coming with the last lamb?

at 35:55

"It is not about our performance, it is about the perfection of the perfect Passover, Lamb of God

at 41:09

Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Giglio said 'sin doesn't make you bad, it makes you dead.' How does understanding sin as spiritual death rather than moral failure change the way you think about your need for Jesus?
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2. Pastor Giglio emphasized that it was the blood on the doorpost, not the goodness of the family inside, that caused the destroyer to pass over. In what ways do you find yourself still trying to earn God's acceptance through your own performance?
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3. Pastor Giglio traced the Lamb imagery from Exodus through Revelation. Why do you think God chose to use a lamb — rather than some other image — as the central symbol of salvation across the entire biblical story?
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4. Pastor Giglio said the old sacrificial system 'wasn't perfect' but was 'pointing' to Jesus. How does understanding the Old Testament sacrifices as pointers to Christ affect the way you read the Old Testament?
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5. Pastor Giglio closed by saying Jesus 'might not have used the title explicitly, Lamb of God, but he certainly knew the assignment was Lamb of God.' How does the Last Supper scene reveal that Jesus fully understood and embraced his role as the final Passover Lamb?
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Word Studies

ἀμνός amnos

Greek

A young lamb used for sacrifice. Unlike the more common Greek word for lamb (arnion, used in Revelation), amnos appears only four times in the New Testament and is reserved for describing Jesus as the sacrificial lamb who takes away sin, connecting directly to the Passover lamb of Exodus.

Usage: 4 times

ἱλαστήριον hilasterion

Greek

A means of propitiation or place of atonement. Used in Romans 3:25 where God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement. The word originally referred to the mercy seat on the Ark of the Covenant where blood was sprinkled on the Day of Atonement, showing Jesus as the ultimate meeting place between a holy God and sinful humanity.

Usage: 2 times

כֶּשֶׁב keseb

Hebrew

A young sheep or lamb, used throughout the Old Testament sacrificial system. In Exodus 12:5 it describes the Passover lamb that had to be without blemish — a year-old male, perfect and unblemished — foreshadowing Christ who was without sin.

Usage: 13 times (OT)

Cross References

Isaiah 53:7

The suffering servant was led like a lamb to the slaughter and did not open his mouth, prophetically picturing the silent submission of Jesus as the Lamb of God going willingly to the cross.

Genesis 22:7-8

When Isaac asked Abraham 'Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?' Abraham answered 'God himself will provide the lamb' — a prophetic foreshadowing fulfilled centuries later when God provided his own Son as the final Lamb.

Hebrews 9:22

Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness — this confirms Pastor Giglio's emphasis that the life of the flesh is in the blood and that Christ's bloodshed was absolutely necessary for atonement.

Revelation 7:14

Those who come out of the great tribulation have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb — connecting to Pastor Giglio's illustration of the red light washing over the crowd and making them white.

Ephesians 1:7

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace — echoing the sermon's central message that forgiveness comes through the blood of the Lamb, not human effort.

Further Reading

- **The Cross of Christ**
by John Stott
- **In My Place Condemned He Stood: Celebrating the Glory of the Atonement**
by J.I. Packer and Mark Dever
- **Not God Enough: Why Your Small God Leads to Big Problems**
by J.D. Greear

Scripture References

REFERENCE	TYPE	TIME	CONTEXT
John 1:29	Read Aloud	5:20	<i>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and ...</i>
Exodus 12:7-13	Read Aloud	7:20	<i>Then they are to take some of the blood and put it...</i>
Exodus 12:21-27	Read Aloud	8:40	<i>Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and s...</i>
Romans 6:23	Referenced	11:20	<i>For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God...</i>
Leviticus 17:11	Referenced	13:20	<i>For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I h...</i>
1 Peter 1:18-21	Read Aloud	14:10	<i>For you know that it was not with perishable thing...</i>
Romans 5:8-9	Read Aloud	15:20	<i>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: ...</i>
1 Corinthians 5:6-7	Read Aloud	16:10	<i>Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a l...</i>
Hebrews 10:3-4	Read Aloud	17:00	<i>But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sin...</i>
Revelation 5:1-13	Read Aloud	19:20	<i>Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the...</i>
Revelation 13:8	Read Aloud	23:40	<i>All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beas...</i>
Luke 22:7-20	Read Aloud	26:00	<i>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the...</i>
Matthew 26:27-28	Read Aloud	29:00	<i>Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, ...</i>
John 19:29-30	Read Aloud	31:00	<i>A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a ...</i>
Romans 3:23-25	Read Aloud	30:00	<i>For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of...</i>
Revelation 19:6-9	Read Aloud	39:00	<i>Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, ...</i>