

Some Scripture Passages Dealing with the Lamb



On Palm Sunday when I preached on the Lamb of God with a live lamb in my arms, I was asked to post on the church's web page some of the passages I referenced. John the Baptist, when he saw Jesus said, "Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29) In order for people to know what John was talking about, there had to be a history behind his statement. Here is some of that rich history:

1. Genesis 3:21 First animal sacrifice (?) to provide a covering for Adam and Eve?
2. Genesis 4 Cain and Abel – first indication a sacrificial system was in place and that Cain was expected to know what kind of offering was pleasing to the Lord
3. Genesis 22 Abraham and Isaac and the Substitute Ram
4. Exodus 12 The Passover Lamb
5. Leviticus 16 The sin-offering goat and the sin-bearing goat or scapegoat
6. Isaiah 53:7-8; 11-12 The Suffering Servant
7. New Testament references identifying Jesus as God's Lamb
 - John 1:29, 36
 - Acts 8:32-35
 - I Corinthians 5:7-8
 - I Peter 1:18-19
 - Revelation alone contains 31 references to the Lamb
For example Rev. 5:6-9, 12-13; 19:7-9; 21:9, 14, 22-27; 22:1, 3

These are just some of the references to the Lamb. The point is that the theme of the lamb as our substitute is carried through the Old and New Testaments from the first book to the last, from the beginning of Genesis to the very end of Revelation.