

## The Lion and the Lamb part 2 April 2025

The Lamb of God is a title for Jesus Christ symbolizing His role as the final ultimate sacrificial offering for the sins of humanity. This is rooted in the Old Testament sacrificial practices and culminated in Jesus' crucifixion.

Understanding the Passover lamb in the Old Testament:

- the first Passover lamb. Exodus 12. The blood of the lamb was applied to the side and upper door posts to protect the Israelites from the Lord's angel of death killing all firstborn in the land of Egypt. This Passover lamb foreshadowed Jesus' sacrifice of His own blood and body for the redemption of humanity.
- later Passover lambs were offered as sacrifices during the Passover to remember the Israelite's deliverance from slavery in Egypt.

The sacrificial system in the Old Testament established a broad system of animal sacrifice atoning for sins. The sacrifices served as temporary coverings for sin but were not a permanent solution.

Hebrews 10:1-18. Jesus Christ died once for ALL-the ultimate and final sacrifice. The prophets foretold of this. Isaiah 53. Often called the servant song, it speaks of a gentle, innocent lamb led to slaughter foreshadowing Jesus suffering and death for the sins of others. He bore the sins of many and makes intercession for the transgressors.

John 1:29-John the Baptist's testimony. John, upon seeing Jesus coming towards him, declared "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." Not just John's sin, not just the Jew's sin, but the world's sin! Praise God there is no longer a need for the Old Testament's temporary sacrifices! Jesus death on the cross was the ultimate atonement for the sin of humanity. The perfect and final sacrifice to fulfill the sacrificial system established in the Old Testament.

Redemption and new life. Jesus' sacrifice provides forgiveness of sins and a restored relationship with God. Jesus' death and resurrection open the way to a new life through Christ. His blood covers sin and offers hope for all. However, you must "open the door (your heart)" to accept the relationship.

*A lamb's blood is used as an anti-venom to treat a pit viper's bite. Sin was brought into the world because the serpent tempted Eve and both Eve and Adam chose self over God and disobeyed God which brought sin into the world. Ultimately, the blood of the Lamb Jesus Christ will reverse this, just as the anti-venom from a lamb's blood reverses the damage caused by a pit viper snake bite.*

If you are able, go to YouTube and watch this video: **WATCH THE LAMB- RAY BOLTZ-  
OFFICIAL VIDEO**

Jesus should always be our first love as is sung in the song First Love by Petra

Sometimes I feel I'm pulled in so many wrong directions  
Sometimes I feel the world seducing my affections  
It's not that I don't know the way  
It's just a heart that's prone to stray  
But with my weaknesses admitted  
You will keep all that I've committed  
So I commit my heart to you  
My first love

First love, first love  
My soul longs after you  
First love, my first love  
I want my heart to stay so true  
Because you first loved me  
Jesus, you will always be  
You will always be  
My first love

It's taken me some time to try to comprehend  
A love that doesn't change, a love without an end  
A love that keeps forgiving  
A love of sacrifice and giving  
I delight myself in you  
My first love

First love, first love  
My soul longs after you  
First love, my first love  
I want my heart to stay so true  
Because you first loved me  
Jesus, you will always be  
You will always be  
My first love

If I ever lack endurance  
I remember your assurance  
That your only banner over me is love  
If my heart begins to waver  
Woo me back, my loving Savior  
Woo me back 'til I return to my first love

First love, first love  
My soul longs after you  
First love, my first love  
I want my heart to stay so true  
Because you first loved me  
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