



BEHOLD THE LAMB – PART 3 | JOHN 1:36

BEHOLD THE LAMB

SEEING JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

JOHN: THE BRIDGE

JOHN 1:19-21

¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹ **They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No."**

John is a prophet in the spirit and appearance of Elijah.

He embodies the hope and promise of the Old Testament prophets.

He points to the fulfillment of those promises in Jesus.

JOHN 1:22-23

²² Finally they said, "**Who are you?** Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "**I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'**"

John says he is the bridge from the old prophets to the coming reality.

He quotes the prophet Isaiah...

ISAIAH 40:3-5

³ **A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."** ⁴ Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

John is preparing the way for Jesus Christ, who is much more than any other human.

John points to Jesus and calls him the God of the Old Testament—

only now he is dwelling among us as a man.

JESUS: THE LAMB

JOHN 1:29

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

John gives witness that Jesus is the one he has been talking about.

He says God told him that Jesus is the promised Lamb who will

deliver humanity from sin's penalty and bondage.

LEVITICUS 4:32-35: NO BLEMISH

³² **"If someone brings a lamb as their sin offering, they are to bring a female without defect... 1**

JOHN 3:5 – NO SIN

⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. **And in him is no sin.**

1 PETER 1:18-20 – NO DEFECT

¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ **but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.**

The witness of John the Baptist and the Apostles is...

Jesus is the LORD God of Israel made flesh.

Jesus is the only human without sin – no blemish, no defect.

What is God's plan to deal with humanity's sin problem?

Behold Jesus – the LORD – the Lamb of God!