

TOPIC: JESUS AS THE LAMB OF GOD

TEXT: John 1:29-34.

WEEK: 2

CLASS: SS1

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JESUS AS THE LAMB OF GOD

When John the Baptist sees Jesus coming towards him he says that Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He refers to Jesus as the one that comes after him but who comes with more authority than him. He (John), apart from presenting Jesus as a gentle, humble, and harmless person like a lamb, also points to Him as the sacrificial lamb for the sin of the world. The ewe (female sheep) lamb (young sheep) is animal which is often sacrificed for a sin offering, to atone (to pay) for the sin of the people. Lamb is regarded as a clean animal recognizing the authority of its owner. Hence John the Baptist is predicting that Jesus will die to atone for their sins.

WEEK TWO

TOPIC: JESUS AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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- THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

JESUS AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Jesus referred to Himself as the light of the world in at least three instances in the book of John. The first instance was during the visit of the Pharisee named Nicodemus. Jesus said, “And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light , because their deeds are evil.” John 3:19. During later discussion, He said, “I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light if life.” John 8:12.

Also before He healed the blind man, He said, “We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; night comes when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” John 9:4-5.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

1. Jesus as the light means that children of God cannot do anything without Him.
2. Jesus is the only mediator and pathfinder between God and man. This means that man can only reach God through Jesus and God also can only reach man through Jesus.
3. When Jesus, the light appears evil and all forms of darkness disappear.
4. Jesus as light means Jesus is life.
5. Jesus as light means that He is a perfect example to all the children of God.
6. Jesus as light also means that Jesus is the gospel of the kingdom of God which people must embrace to be saved and inherit the kingdom of God (the eternal life). Anyone who does not embrace the gospel is in darkness and will not inherit eternal life.

WEEK THREE

TOPIC: JESUS AS THE LIVING BREAD AND WATER

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- JESUS AS THE LIVING WATER. JOHN 4: 7-15.
- LESSONS FROM THE LIVING WATER.

INTRODUCTION

Bread was the staple (basic, important food of the Hebrew. Hence “bread” is interpreted simply to mean “food”. “Bread” also refers to our physical needs. Water is used to quench thirst. Hence “bread and water” therefore is expected to satisfy our physical hunger and thirst. Invariably, we can say that the most human need for life is water and food (bread).

JESUS AS THE LIVING BREAD

Jesus discusses with the people about Himself as the bread of life when they found Him on the other side of the sea. They said to Him “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labour for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you; for on him has God the father set his seal.” Then they said to Him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them to believe in Him that was sent by God. They further asked for signs to believe that Jesus was sent from God like their forefathers. Jesus explained the difference between the temporal relief which they had before and the lasting relief which He brought to them.

LESSONS FROM THE LIVING BREAD

1. Jesus signifies bread to mean an unfailing spiritual supply from eternal life.
2. Man should not base his belief on signs and wonders.
3. It is wrong to attach our belief to material possession.
4. Man should depend only on Jesus as the source of life.
5. Spiritual strength is different from physical strength.
6. Man should not live by bread alone but by the word of God.
7. Christians often take Holy Communion to signify the flesh of Jesus.

JESUS AS THE LIVING WATER

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink” For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him “How is it that you a Jew, ask me for a drink, a woman of Samaritans? Jesus answered her, if you knew the gift of God, and the one that is saying to you, “Give me a drink,” you would have asked him, and he would have given you a living water.” The woman further queried Jesus if He was greater than Jacob who gave them that well. In the end the woman submitted to Jesus and asked for the living water.

LESSONS FROM THE LIVING WATER

1. The Living Water metaphorically means the word of God.

2. The Living Water also means that the word of God stands forever regardless of any situation.
3. The Living Water means that Jesus is the salvation of the world.
4. This also means that salvation is universal.
5. The Living Water also stands for means to eternity.