

Behold the Lamb, Our Lord

Mary had a little lamb; its fleece was white as snow... The Bible's offer of salvation is about Mary's Lamb – God's Son, the world's Savior. This Lamb was *prophesied* at the 1st mention of the gospel (Gen. 3:15), *typified* at the Jewish Passover (Ex. 12), *personified* in God's promised Messiah (Isa. 9: 53), *identified* by John the Baptist, *magnified* by heaven's choirs (Rev. 2:12) and *glorified* for all time and eternity (Rev. 22:11). Mary was "expecting Jesus" but little did she expect to find God *in her womb*. More amazing her Son on a cross was God *from the tomb* and God *coming back soon!* The Bible has much to say about the Lamb of God:

1. The **Expectation** of the Lamb: *Where is the lamb?* (Gen.22:7)

Regarding the Bible's two testaments, the New is in the Old concealed; and the Old in the New revealed. The OT may be summed up in one question Isaac asked Abraham when taken to be sacrificed on Mt. Moriah: "Where is the lamb?" Abraham's answers became Israel's consolation and the hope of all the earth: "God will provide Himself a Lamb". God's people sacrificed countless lambs that at best covered sins but eagerly awaited God's spotless Lamb

2. The **Exposition** of the Lamb: *Watch the lamb take sins away!* (Jn.1:29)

God had prepared John the Baptist as a forerunner to identify to Israel and declare that Jesus was indeed God's Lamb, who *once-and-for-all* will take away the sins of the world. Jesus' incarnation was precisely how our Creator could be with his creatures and the Infinite One became an infant. God the Son as a sacrificial lamb laid aside his majesty to share in our misery, exchanged his riches for ridicule, left his throne to die on a tree. Behold the lamb!

3. The **Exaltation** of the Lamb: *Worthy is the lamb once slain!* (Rev.5:12)

Unlike other lambs, Jesus the Lord of life, willing laid down his life therefore God raise him and has highly exalted him that at his name every knee will one day bow and every tongue confess: Jesus Christ is Lord. All heaven will declare this enthroned Lamb as worthy to take all power, wealth, wisdom, honor, glory and blessing! The *miracle* is that God's Lamb offered himself, not as God-Above-Us but God-Among-Us. The *mystery* is that this exalted Lamb is God-With-Us and, by his Spirit, God-Within-Us! Come, let us worship the Lamb of glory!