

Jesus Christ our Passover Lamb

Here are some of the biblical connections:

“When John the Baptist stepped forward in John 1:29 and introduced Jesus as the Lamb of God, he did so as the final Old Testament prophet, the son of a priest, and as the chosen forerunner of Christ. He identified Jesus as the Lamb of God, how powerful, complete and transforming is that truth. Think of the dramatic sequence God had planned just on the day of Christ’s crucifixion. On the day Christ died on the Cross – for our sins, it was the 14th day of Abib, A.D. 33. (April on the Gregorian calendar)

At the third hour (9:00 AM), Israel’s high priest tied the Passover lamb to the alter for sacrifice. At that exact moment outside the city wall of Jerusalem, Jesus, the Lamb of God was nailed to the cross.

For six hours both the Passover lamb and Jesus the lamb of God, awaited death. Finally, at the ninth hour (3:00 PM), the high priest ascended the alter in the temple and sacrificed the Passover lamb.

At that exact moment from the cross, Christ’s words thundered out over the city of Jerusalem, “it is finished!”

On Calvary’s stark mountain, God the Father, the final High Priest of all creation, placed His holy hand on the head of His only begotten Son, allowing the total sin of the world to descend upon Jesus. Barely able to lift His blood-spattered face toward heaven, Jesus shouted in triumph, “It is finished!” John 19:30

Jesus as the Lamb of God summarizes God’s Word completely. It is the greatest summary of Who Christ WAS, and What HE DID.”

From: “Jesus is the Lamb of God”

When God gave Moses and Aaron the rules for the Passover, some might have sounded unconventional—for example, the clear prohibition against breaking any bones of the lamb that was sacrificed and eaten by each household. Why did God insist on this? This command—that the Passover lamb not have its legs broken—carries symbolic weight.

When Jesus, whom John proclaimed to be “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) was crucified, not one of his bones was broken. John 19:31-34 tells us that when the soldiers came to Jesus to break his legs to hasten his death, they found that He was already dead, so they pierced his side with a spear but did not break His legs.

As John testifies, “These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken” John 19:36.

The Exodus 12:46 rule is also echoed prophetically in Psalm 34:30 “He protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.” To the last detail of His death, Jesus fulfilled the prophecies concerning the Messiah, verifying that He was, as John the Baptist claimed, the sacrificial Lamb of God.”

From: “Case for Christ”

Did you know that for centuries Passover lambs were raised in Bethlehem? In those shepherds’ fields outside Bethlehem, a very special breed of sacrificial lamb was raised and nurtured to be brought to Jerusalem at Passover to be slaughtered to cover the people’s sins. How fitting that Mary’s Lamb, God’s perfect Lamb, the Lord Jesus, would be born there! And He was born in a stable! This Lamb came to be the final Passover lamb, the one sacrificed for sin forever.

He is the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8) prophesied centuries before His birth.

In Exodus God said, “Take the lamb’s blood and put it on the doorposts and lintel of the house. My angel of judgment is coming through the land of Egypt, but when I see the blood, I will pass over you.” Now, they could have put a perfect living lamb outside that door, but it would have done no good. Salvation does not come from the life of Christ but from the death of Christ. Salvation is not learning lessons from the life of Christ but receiving life from the death of Christ. “When I see the blood, I will pass over you,” for the Bible says, “without shedding of blood, there is no remission.” Hebrew 9:22

