The Lamb of God: The Mission and Purpose of Jesus

The Lenten season is near. In fact, it begins on March 5th. So much of our time is spent thinking about Jesus that we seldom, if ever, consider Him as the **Lamb of God**. John 1:29 tells us that when John saw Jesus approaching, he recognized Him for who He was. John the Baptist declared, **"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."** This declaration is more than the title; it is a **mission statement**. It defines the way we should view everything Jesus does in His ministry. It explains, in totality, His life, death, and resurrection.

No other Gospel does this. **No other Gospel presents Jesus so clearly as more than the Messiah, the Son of Man, or the Son of David.** While other titles hold significance, John the Baptist goes further, identifying Jesus as the **Lamb of God** before He ever preaches His first sermon, heals the sick, or performs a miracle. This moment in the Gospel of John defines the entirety of Jesus' ministry.

The ministry of Jesus was unlike any the world had ever seen. Instead of ruling, **He served**, as demonstrated by kneeling to wash His disciples' feet (John 13:12-17). Instead of imposing legalism, **He emphasized mercy**, teaching His followers to love their enemies (Matthew 5:38-48). Instead of rejecting sinners, **He restored and reconciled them**, declaring, **"I have come for the sick"** (Mark 2:17). Everything about Jesus' life was defined by the role of the Lamb of God.

What does this mean for us? It is a **radical** position for the children of God to take. If Jesus **overcomes rather than triumphs**, then His followers must do the same. To triumph in the biblical sense is to use force or dominance. To overcome is to persevere and endure with courage and transform adversity through love, self-giving, and strength. Our responses to power, violence, and control cannot mirror the world's. Jesus did not seek victory the way the world defines it. He acted out of **the power and vulnerability of love**. He calls believers not to **worldly triumph** but to **a life shaped by the Lamb of God**.

What would our ministry look like if we viewed it through the lens of the Lamb of God? When we see the world through His eyes, it takes on a different meaning. As we approach this Lenten season, just one month away, I invite you to become **acquainted with the Lamb of God**. But how do we do that?

Getting to know the **Lamb of God** is not an intellectual pursuit; it is a **spiritual one**. It is about transformation, not knowledge. It calls us into a deeper relationship with God, a relationship that compels us to **live differently**. The Lamb of God is not a concept or philosophy; it is a **spiritual reality** that we can experience through **the power of surrender**. The Lamb of God relinquishes the world's definition of power, control, and dominance. Instead, He transforms us through **love and self-giving.**

The power of surrender is not simply in **letting go**; the real power is in **trusting the Lamb of God**. It is the deep assurance that Jesus, in the person of the **Lamb**, strengthens us. We do not have to fight for status, power, or control. We do not have to prove ourselves to the world. Just as the Lamb overcomes by surrendering to God, **we too can overcome by surrendering our fears, plans, and desires to Him**. To live a transformed life in the way of the Lamb means we no longer strive for power or recognition because the love of the Lamb provides us with assurance and peace. To know the Lamb of God is to **live in the power of surrender**. When we embrace this way of life, we are no longer afraid of failure. We no longer feel the need to control. We now trust in the power of **love rather than force**. We allow **surrender to shape our faith and deepen our trust in God**.

As we prepare our hearts for this **Lenten season**, let us open ourselves to the Lamb of God and be transformed by the power of His love.

Blessings,

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