

Jesus, the Lamb of God
4G: John, the Maverick Gospel (Message 3)
John 1:29-34

How would you describe John the Baptist's mission in your own words?

John calls Jesus the Lamb of God. What are the possible backgrounds for this title? Why do you think John used this phrase to describe Jesus?

What did John realize about Jesus to have used it?

Why is it important to you personally that Jesus is the Lamb of God?

When people converted to Judaism, the males were circumcised and both sexes were baptized. The rite washed away the pollution of the Gentile world. John was shocking the nation by insisting that born and bred Jews also needed cleansing as well. How do you think the Pharisees felt about John's message?

The term "Pharisees" meant "the separated ones." They separated themselves from lax religious practices and live strictly by the law. In order to avoid breaking the law, they had minutely defined the precise ways in which each law must be kept in every conceivable situation. The Pharisees represented the common people interested in religion untainted by politics. They considered themselves the experts on God's system, which was too complicated for an ordinary person to grasp, let alone to keep.

How does the Pharisees view of God and the Bible compare to your religious background?

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Based on the description above, how do you think the Pharisees reacted upon hearing about John the Baptist?

What was John's baptism designed to do?

What is significant about John not knowing who the Messiah was?

How difficult do you think it was for John to preach about the coming Messiah without knowing who He was or when he would come? What lesson's can you learn from John's example?

Why is John's testimony about seeing the Spirit descend on Jesus important to launching Jesus' ministry?

In verse 34, John calls Jesus "the chosen one of God." Read Isaiah 42:1-4 for background. What do you think it means that Jesus is given this title? Why would John use this title?

How does this passage impact you when thinking about Jesus and his ministry?