

September 22, 2024 Behold the Lamb of God John 1:19-34

"This is to be our message—we are to set Christ forth as the object of faith. We are to say to men, "Behold the Lamb of God." Is that all the sinner has to do? Yes, behold Him. Never was there another Savior like Christ Jesus our Lord. The mere looking at Him saves the soul. Whosoever looks to Christ lives by that look and shall live forever. There is not a sinner in hell who ever looked on Christ with the eyes of faith—and there never shall be such a soul. And all who are in heaven entered there simply through beholding the slain Lamb who takes away the sin of the world...

That is the Gospel, and it is a blessed Gospel to have to preach. And blessed is the messenger who proclaims boldly and plainly, in the name of Jesus, saying on Christ's behalf, "Look unto him, and be ye saved, all you ends of the earth. Look and live." May many do so at this very moment!"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Sermon: "The Baptist's Message" (Sunday Night, July 2, 1882)

- 1. How does the culture of self-promotion impact the way we view Christian leadership today?
- 2. How did John the Baptist respond to the question, "Who are you?" and what can we learn from his humility? How does John's refusal to take glory for himself challenge our desire for recognition?
- 3. What does the title "Christ" or "Messiah" mean, and how does it shape our understanding of Jesus? How do Old Testament prophecies like Isaiah 61:1–2 point to the role of the Messiah?
- 4. What is the significance of John's declaration, "Behold the Lamb of God"? How does the imagery of the lamb in Jewish tradition connect with Jesus' role as the Savior?
- 5. In what ways can you "Behold the Lamb of God" more intentionally in your own walk with Christ this week? How should this affect your witness with neighbors and coworkers?

## What do we see about Jesus?

Behold Him as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

## Respond to the section "what do we see about Jesus?"

- Head: What did you learn / what were you reminded about who Jesus is?
- **Heart:** What specific steps can you take to grow deeper in your relationship with Christ?
- Hands: What ways can you live differently because of these truths?