“This is the Witness of John” Pt. II  
“Behold, the Lamb of God”

Intro: This morning we will continue to study the events of the historic week that marked the beginning of our Lord’s public ministry, in which John the Baptist continued to ________ as to the fact that Jesus is the _________. As previously noted in the introduction of this gospel, the Apostle John spoke of the John Baptist saying, vss. 6-8 & 15, “There came a man, sent from God, whose name was _________. 7 He came for a witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came that he might ________ witness of the light. ... John bore _________ ______, and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'"

John 1:29

I. Just as God foreordained and ___________ John the Baptist to go as a forerunner before Christ, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord, he faithfully and unashamedly bore _________ of Jesus Christ proclaiming that:

A. _________ _______ the Lamb of God.

1. All Israel was familiar with the _________ of animals for from the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, immediately following Adam and Eve’s fall into sin, the Lord illustrated that ones’ sin could be atoned for only through an ___________ substitutionary sacrifice.

   a. In the first four books of the Bible, the concept of the sacrificial lamb is _________ presented over and over and by the will of God was abundantly ___________ to the Jewish people.

2. God made it abundantly clear that our sin could only be removed as an _________ One shed His _________ in our place, taking the guilt of our sin upon Himself. And, He also made it abundantly clear that ____ Himself would ___________ that perfect sacrificial Lamb; the very Lamb of God. And, John the Baptist declared that the Jesus of Nazareth was the _________ of God!

B. _________ is the Lamb of God who _________ _______ the _______ of the world!

1. Here “sin” refers to any ___________ or transgression in relation to God and emphasizes the _________ of the transgression.
a. “_____ have sinned and fall short of the glory of God!” (Romans 3:23). Who is without ________? (Cf. Romans 3:9-18)

b. “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal _______ ___ Christ _________ our Lord” (Romans 6:23). There is One who can take away the sin of the world - your sin and mine - and He is the ___________ _______ of God.

c. Only _______ Himself could __________ such a sacrifice. And, this what He did for “in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God”, and “the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, ... the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.” And “the Father sent the Son to be the _________ of the world!” How can the Lamb of God be the Savior of the World? He takes away our sin! (Cf. John 1:1, 14, 29; 1 John 4:14)

2. The words “takes away” mean “to take up and _________ away, to _________ by carrying.” Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God, took our sins upon Himself and bore the _________ of God due us for our sins in His body on the cross. (Cf. 1 Peter 2:24).

   a. Isaiah 53:5 prophetically says that “He was ___________ through for our transgressions, He was ___________ for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging _____ are _________ ’ from sin.

3. When the Baptist said that the Lamb of God takes away the sin of the _________ he was foretelling that _________________ was _____ ____ people, and not to the Jewish state alone.

   Conclusion: Church, this is the testimony of John the Baptist: Jesus _____________ is “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” There is no other ______ to come to the Father but through Him (cf. Jo. 14:6).
   It is only as we believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ that our sins are ______________ and we are saved.

   If you have not believed, ______________ the Scriptural truth of Jesus Christ today, and ___________ for the forgiveness of sin, and live your life in obedience to Christ, doing the will of God. If you will believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ, your sins will be washed away by the blood of the sacrificial Lamb of God. And, if you have already come to believe that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, then follow John the Baptist’s example and ______________ His _________!

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