

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL · PRINT EDITION

Behold the Lamb of God

The Gospel of John: Why Should I Believe? · Week 05 · October 11, 2026

JOHN 1:29 (ESV)

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

HOW THIS WORKS

- Five days, Monday through Friday — about ten minutes each. Every day has a prayer to open, a short reading, something to think about, one action step, and a prayer to close.
- This week’s homework runs underneath all five days: read John 1:29 every morning and pray, *“Jesus, I’m not trusting in what I’ve done. I’m trusting in what You’ve already done for me.”*
- Keep a pen with it. The lines are part of the devotional.
- Prefer your phone? The same devotional is online each week at thesummit.life → The Gospel of John → Reading Plan.

THIS WEEK

Sunday John the Baptist saw Jesus walking toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” In one sentence he told us who Jesus is and why He came. This week you will take that one day at a time: the first covering in the Garden, the blood on the door in Egypt, the sin Jesus carries away, the Spirit who gives new life, and the one sacrifice that is enough.

DAY 1 · MONDAY

Clothed by AnotherGENESIS 3:15 · GENESIS 3:21

Opening prayer*Lord, I want to see the whole story this week, from the Garden to the cross. Open my eyes. Amen.*

Read Genesis 3:15 and 3:21. Adam and Eve had just done the one thing God told them not to do. Sin had entered the world, and with it came death: physical, spiritual, and eternal. They tried to cover their shame with leaves. It didn't work.

But before God sent them out of the Garden, He did two things. He made a promise: one day a child of the woman would crush the serpent's head. And He made them clothes from animal skins.

Think about what that cost. For Adam and Eve to be covered, something innocent had to die. The guilty were clothed by a life that wasn't theirs. That was the first picture of what God would one day do through His Son.

The first sacrifice wasn't Adam's idea. It was God's. Rescue has always started with Him.

Reflect

Where do you try to cover your own shame with "leaves" (staying busy, looking good, keeping score)? Write it down.

Today's action step

Start this week's homework today. Read John 1:29 this morning and pray, "Jesus, I'm not trusting in what I've done. I'm trusting in what You've already done for me." Do it every morning through Friday.

Closing prayer*Father, thank You for covering what I could never cover myself. Thank You for keeping Your promise in Jesus. Amen.*

DAY 2 · TUESDAY

When I See the BloodEXODUS 12:1–13

Opening prayer*Lord, show me what You see when You look at me. Amen.*

Read Exodus 12:1–13. On the night God brought Israel out of Egypt, every family was to choose a lamb without blemish. The lamb was killed at twilight. Its blood was painted on the doorposts and the lintel. Then the family stayed inside and trusted.

Notice what God did not say. He didn't say, "When I see how good you've been." He didn't say, "When I see how hard you prayed." He said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you."

The safest family in Egypt that night wasn't the most religious one. It was the one with blood on the door. Their safety rested completely on the lamb.

Rescue didn't come by being good enough. It came by a life given on behalf of others.

Reflect

If God said "When I see how good you've been," how would you feel standing inside that house? Now read Exodus 12:13 again. What changes?

Today's action step

Every time you walk through a doorway today, let it remind you: I'm not safe because I'm good. I'm safe because of the Lamb.

Closing prayer*Lord, I'm trusting the blood of the Lamb, not my own record. Thank You for passing over me. Amen.*

DAY 3 · WEDNESDAY

Carried Away

JOHN 1:29 · ISAIAH 53:6–7

Opening prayer

Jesus, I bring You the things I keep carrying. Help me let go of them today. Amen.

Read John 1:29. John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

The words “takes away” mean to lift up and carry off. Jesus doesn’t only cover sin. He removes it. Seven hundred years earlier Isaiah saw it coming: the Lord would lay our sin on Him, and He would go like a lamb led to the slaughter.

And notice the size of the claim: the sin of the world. Not the sin of good people, or of Israel only. No one is outside the reach of this Lamb, including you, and including the person you think is too far gone.

Whatever Jesus carries away, you don’t have to carry anymore.

Reflect

Is there a sin you keep picking back up, as though it’s still yours to carry? Write it down, then write “Carried away” across it.

Today’s action step

Read Psalm 103:12 today: “As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.” Thank Him for how far.

Closing prayer

Lamb of God, You took my sin and carried it away. I won’t go back and pick it up. Amen.

DAY 4 · THURSDAY

The Spirit RemainedJOHN 1:32–33 · EZEKIEL 36:26–27

Opening prayer*Holy Spirit, I need more than a clean record. I need a new heart. Amen.*

Read John 1:32–33. John admits, “I myself did not know him.” He didn’t recognize Jesus as the Messiah on his own. God gave him a sign: watch for the One the Spirit comes down on and stays. When John baptized Jesus, the Spirit came down like a dove, and it remained.

That word matters. In the Old Testament the Spirit came on prophets, judges, and kings for a task, and could leave. On Jesus, the Spirit rested for good. And Jesus would do what John never could: baptize people with the Holy Spirit.

John’s baptism was an outward sign of repentance. Jesus gives the inward reality: a new heart and God’s own Spirit living inside you. That is the promise of Ezekiel 36.

The Lamb takes away your sin. The Spirit gives you new life.**Reflect****Where have you seen God changing your heart, even a little? Where do you still need a new heart?**

Today’s action step

Read Ezekiel 36:26–27 out loud today. Then ask the Spirit for one specific change in you this week.

Closing prayer*Spirit of God, thank You that You don’t come and go. Keep making me new. Amen.*

DAY 5 · FRIDAY

Once Is EnoughJOHN 1:34 · HEBREWS 10:11–14

Opening prayer*Jesus, I want to rest today in what You already finished. Amen.*

Read John 1:34. John said, “I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” In the Bible, “son of” means “shares the nature of.” Jesus is not a lesser God. He is fully God, the same nature as the Father.

Now read Hebrews 10:11–14. The priests stood every day offering the same sacrifices, over and over, because those sacrifices could never take away sin. Then Christ offered one sacrifice, for all time, and sat down. You only sit down when the work is done.

Why was once enough? Because of who He is. A lamb could save a family for a night. Only the Son of God could save the world forever.

Your goodness doesn’t have to be enough. His sacrifice already is.

Reflect

Where are you still trying to add to what Jesus finished? If you’ve never trusted Him for the forgiveness of your sin, what is holding you back?

Today’s action step

If you have never trusted Jesus, you can do that today. Tell Him, and then tell someone at Summit Sunday. If you have, read John 1:29 one more time and pray this week’s prayer slowly, meaning every word.

Closing prayer*Son of God, You did it once, and once is enough. Jesus, I’m not trusting in what I’ve done. I’m trusting in what You’ve already done for me. Amen.***LOOKING AHEAD**

Next Sunday: Week 6 · Come and See the King · John 1:35–51 · October 18, 2026. Memory verse this week: John 1:29.