Lamb of God

John 1:24-37

Christmas is the time of many wonderful titles being given to Christ

Angel to Zacharias – Lord

Angel to Mary – Jesus – Savior Son of the Most High Son of David King – He will reign Son of God Also to Joseph Isaiah - *Immanuel* Magi - *King of the Jews* John – *Word, Light, Life,*

Elizabeth to Mary - My Lord

Zacharias - Horn of Salvation, Most High Angels to Shepherds – Savior, Christ the Lord, Simeon - God's Salvation, Light of revelation, Glory of God

But in John 1:29,36 - John the Baptist called Him the Lamb of God

I. A Piculiar Pronouncement

- A. Because He was the King of Kings and Lord of Lords
- **B.** Because it was not normal to call any man a lamb. Today people choose to be called Lions, Tigers, Bears, Eagles
- C. Because the people knew about lambs

The nature of lambs was weak, dumb and dependent The purpose of the lamb of God was sacrifice

II. A Past oriented Pronouncement

A. Abraham offering up Isaac Genesis. 22

God commanded Abraham to sacrifice his son as a Burnt offering. Abraham took wood, fire and a knife

Isaac asked ---where is the lamb for the offering?

This is the question of the OT –

The answer – "God will provide for Himself the lamb"

B. Passover Lamb Exodus 12

People of Israel enslaved in Egypt -Moses pleas their case God brings the plagues but Pharoah hardened his heart The Passover lamb is explained -Umblemished male Blood over door and on sides

First born of every family died unless the blood of the Lamb was seen by the angel of death.

II. A Pr	ophetic Pronouncement	28 times in	Revelation
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A. Sacrifice for sins Isaiah 53:7-12 Read Psalm 22 describes the horror of the crucifixtion B. The Slain Lamb who is worshipped **Revelation 5:6-14** He was able to open the seal Thousands and thousands –sang "worthy is the Lamb" C. The Lamb who is the shepherd Revelation 7:13-17 Robes washed in the blood of the lamb He will guide us to the springs of the Water of life. D. The Lamb whose blood gives victory **Revelation 12:11** blood, testimony, commitment (willing to die) E. The Lamb who overcomes all foes **Revelation 17:14** Lord of Lords, King of Kings F. The Lamb who will wed the church Revelation 19:7-9 The Groom coming for the Bride G. The Lamb who lights the New Jerusalem Revelation 21:23 no need of sun He is the Lamb of God – It's the message of the Bible OT - Where is the Lamb

NT – Behold the Lamb Future – Worthy is the Lamb

What does it mean to us?

- We have an extrodinary calling
- A. Based upon His word

The Word became Flesh and dwelt among us

B. Marked by the Power of the Blood of the Lamb To forgive sin -To transform and revolutionalize life

C. Dependent upon your commitment

 Proclaimed by the word of your testimony Choices made to please God
Sealed by your commitment

My Charge to you – Present the Lamb!