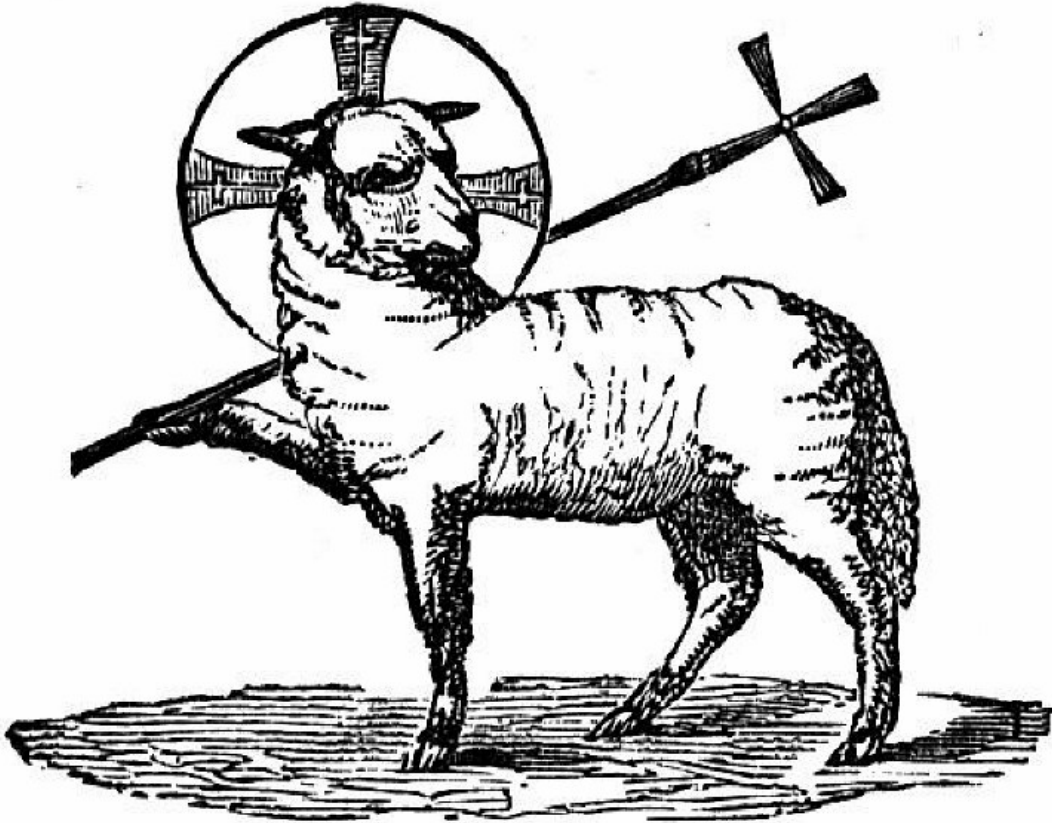


Lesson 30

Pictures of Jesus

The Lamb of God



This picture shows many sides of the Lamb of God, Jesus. The sacrificial lamb holds the cross through which our salvation was earned by Jesus. The halo shows that this is God Himself in a form that we can see and understand.

John 1:29 | “The next day, John *(the Baptist)* saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘*Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*’”

In the days of Moses God began a ceremony that was to be followed for all time. This ceremony was to involve a lamb and is called Passover.

In order to force the king of Egypt to free the Israelites from slavery so they could go to the Promised Land, God sent ten plagues to the Egyptians. The last plague and the worst of them all was the death of the firstborn in each family.

To protect the Israelites from the terrible plague to come, God told them to pick a lamb without defect for each family, kill it, cook and eat it and put the lamb's blood on the doorposts. When God killed the firstborn in Egypt, He passed over any house that had the blood of the lamb on the doorpost.

This story of Passover is a picture of Jesus who would be born many years later.

When Jesus came to save us from our sins, He was like the Passover lamb. Jesus was without defect, He was without sin. Jesus shed His blood on the cross to pay for the sins of all people. When God is ready to punish everyone

for their sins, He will see that those who believe that Jesus is their Savior have the blood of Jesus on them. God will pass over those people like He did with the Israelites in Egypt. The blood of the Lamb of God washes us clean of sin and takes away God's anger over our sins. Jesus, who is God, took upon Himself the job of the lamb that was killed to save all people from their sins.

After Jesus died for us, He gave us a very special gift. If we believe that Jesus, the Son of God, is our Savior, all our sins are taken away and we will live in heaven one day. We do not have to pay for our sins, Jesus did that. All we need to be saved is faith in Jesus and His gift of salvation. Jesus, the Lamb of God, died to save us all.

PRAYER TIME

We thank you Jesus for the terrible sacrifice You made for us. You suffered and died on the cross to save us from our sins. You spilled Your precious blood so that we will be passed over when God comes to punish sins. Help us to appreciate what You have done for us. Amen