



EXALTED CHRIST

¹⁹Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Finally they said, "Who are you?"

John 1:19-34 (NIV)

Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, “I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’”²⁴ Now the Pharisees who had been sent²⁵ questioned him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

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²⁶“I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing. ²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

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³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.

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³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’

³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

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THE SACRIFICIAL LAMB

The Sacrificial Lamb in Scripture:

1. Passover Lamb - Exodus 12:21
2. Sacrificial Lamb - Exodus 29:38 and Leviticus 5:6
3. Prophetic Lamb - Jeremiah 11:19 and Isaiah 53:7

The blood of the lamb is important because it is
filled ***with life!***

For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; **it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.**

Leviticus 17:11 (NIV)

The Blood of the Lamb is Price-Paying

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John 1:29 (NIV)

The Blood of the Lamb is Price-Paying

“If Allah took mankind to task by that which they deserve, he would not leave a living creature on the surface of the earth.”

- Prophet Muhammad; Quran 35.45

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Only Jesus made it fair for us to be **forgiven** and **right** for us to **forgive** others

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“Take away”: to remove something concrete, as by lifting or carrying off; gives the image of something weighty holding somebody down

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“The guilty think all talk is of themselves.”

- Chaucer