

## Introducing Jesus

Behold the Lamb of the world Who takes away the sins of the world.  
John 1,29

What a strange way to introduce.

This is the first public entry of Jesus into His earthly ministry and the Voice sent to prepare His way, that is John the Baptist introduces him saying Behold the Lamb of the world who comes to take away the sins of the world. These days, so many people introduce Jesus in so many ways they like. For some He is a good man, for some He is a healer, for some He is their ever flowing stream of blessing, read money or in other words a Banker who never goes bankrupt. For some He is only an elder brother leading to God the Father. To clarify who Jesus is primarily it is always good to go back to the basics of the Word of God.

Who else could introduce Jesus better than His own cousin and whose birth has been miraculous as well and heralded by no less than archangel Gabriel (Luke 1,19)? Did not John leap inside the womb of his mother when he heard the voice of Mary, mother of Jesus? Was there not a clear word of prophecy about John saying *for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord( Luke15-17)?*

In this world of accreditations and certifications, John wins over every other person to introduce Jesus, because he knew Jesus even before

Jesus was born. And in this pithy introduction John has compressed the whole gospel. Behold this Man, who comes to take the place of the sacrificial Lamb or in other words, "Behold the Saviour." Here comes the Better Sacrifice

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ<sup>f</sup> had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

This signals the end of the Mosaic commandment of the ritual of sacrificing. The implications of this introduction is far reaching. Jesus in place of centuries of Law. Tremendously terrifying. If people were to accept this Jesus as their Saviour then the office of the High Priest has to be dissolved. No more positions inside the Temple. The veil is torn.

Today when we have to accept this Jesus as our Saviour, we have to descend the stairs of our thrones and listen to the Master who commands to serve. This comes by accepting His Lordship in my life as my Saviour.