**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Luke 2:7-11
   2. A little Lamb was born in Bethlehem.
      1. The great I AM was born a Lamb.
      2. It was not incidental nor accidental that Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
   3. Bethlehem is a little village south of Jerusalem.
      1. Most of us would know very little, if anything, about Bethlehem had not a little Lamb been born there.
   4. His birth in Bethlehem had been prophesied for centuries.
      1. Micah 5:2
   5. How fitting that Mary’s Lamb would be born in Bethlehem.
      1. For centuries, the Jewish priests had been raising Passover lambs in Bethlehem.
      2. The fields outside of Bethlehem were used by shepherds to raise and nurture a very special breed of sacrificial lambs.
         1. At Passover, the lambs might be slaughtered.
         2. It was there where God’s perfect Lamb, the Lord Jesus, was born.
   6. He was born in a stable.
      1. How fitting that a sacrificial Lamb would be born in a stable.
   7. Our destiny and the destiny of the world is wrapped up in Mary’s little Lamb.
   8. Today’s message will bring to our attention four things about Mary’s little Lamb.
2. the lamb in prophecy (exodus 12:1-6)
   1. The Jewish people were in bondage and slavery in Egypt.
   2. Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, was a cruel taskmaster.
   3. The Jewish people needed to be redeemed and set free.
      1. God had a plan to redeem His people and to set them free.
         1. This plan was wrapped up in a little ~~l~~amb.
         2. Exodus 12:1-6
            1. God used a lamb to deliver the Jewish people.
            2. The most gentle, meek, and the most defenseless of all creatures is a lamb.

A lamb has no fangs and no claws.

A lamb cannot run or fight; it can frighten nothing.

It seems to say, “Are you hungry? Eat me. Are you cold? Sheer me.”

A lamb seems to present itself to the slaughter.

* + - 1. God used a lamb to deliver them from Egypt.
    1. The symbol of Egypt was a serpent.
       1. This symbol was coiled upon Pharaoh’s crown and scepter.
       2. There would be a battle between a lamb and a serpent.
          1. A seemingly defenseless, gentle, meek lamb and a venomous, hissing, poisonous serpent.
  1. It was a special lamb.
     1. Exodus 12:5-6
        1. One blemish would disqualify this lamb in prophecy.
        2. The priests would take the Passover lambs and examine them carefully.
           1. They would open the mouth and look inside the mouth.
           2. They would examine the eyelids and ears.
     2. Mary’s little Lamb was a Lamb without spot or blemish, according to the Bible.
  2. It was a slain lamb.
     1. Exodus 12:6
        1. The lamb would be taken on the tenth day and kept until the fourteenth day.
        2. On the fourteenth day at 3:00 in the afternoon, the father of the family would sacrifice the lamb, and the blood of that lamb would be caught in a basin.
           1. This is another prophecy of Mary’s Lamb that would one day be sacrificed on a cruel Roman cross.
  3. It was a saving lamb.
     1. Exodus 12:7, 12-13
        1. The blood of the lamb was to be put on the doorpost of the house.
           1. Everyone who came into the house would come in through and under the blood.

This is the way they would be safe.

The angel of judgment, the death angel, would see the blood and pass over the house.

* + - * 1. They could have put poetry on the door; it would have done no good.
        2. They could have covered the door with wonderful proverbs; it would have done no good.
        3. They could have overlaid the door with jewels and gold; it would have done no good.
        4. They could have put a perfect living lamb outside the door; it would have done no good.
    1. Salvation does not come from the life of Christ, but from the death of Christ.
       1. Salvation is not learning lessons from the life of Christ, but receiving life from the death of Christ.
       2. Exodus 12:13
       3. Hebrews 9:22
  1. It was a shared lamb.
     1. Exodus 12:8
        1. Not only was the lamb slain, but it was also roasted.
           1. This speaks of Jesus who endured the fires of God’s wrath for us as He baptized His soul in Hell for us.
     2. The people who had slain the lamb were now to eat the lamb.
        1. They were to eat all of it.
     3. As they shared a meal, a bunch of slaves were becoming a nation.
     4. As the children of Israel walked out of Egypt, a lamb walked out inside of them.
        1. It is Christ in us, the hope of glory.
        2. It is Christ who gives us strength.
           1. Philippians 4:13
     5. This is a prophecy of Mary’s Lamb that we feed upon day by day.

1. the lamb in history (john 1:29)
   1. Moses’ lamb only prophesied Mary’s Lamb.
   2. John the Baptist knew that the babe born in Bethlehem was a Lamb.
      1. John 1:29
   3. He was a special Lamb.
      1. Jesus was a Lamb without spot or blemish.
      2. He was the virgin-born Son of God.
         1. He was a miracle Lamb.
            1. With God all things are possible.

Matthew 19:26

* + 1. That little baby wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger was and is the eternal, uncreated, self-existing, Word made flesh; the Great I AM who became a Lamb.
       1. The Infinite became an infant, and God lay in a manger.
  1. He was a slain Lamb.
     1. John 1:29
     2. He was born of a virgin so that He could be sinless.
     3. He was sinless so that He could make a blood atonement.
        1. The Bible says that it is the blood that makes atonement for our sins.
           1. Hebrews 9:22
     4. God cannot overlook sin.
        1. If God would overlook our sins, then God Himself would be unjust and unholy.
     5. There needed to be a sinless sacrifice; no child of Adam could satisfy because in Adam all die.
        1. 1 Corinthians 15:22
     6. The bloodline comes from the father.
        1. The bloodline is not established by the mother but by the father.
        2. None of the baby’s blood circulates through the mother’s body.
        3. The mother may have one blood type and the child have another.
        4. While Mary was the earthly mother, God the Father was the heavenly Father.
           1. The blood that flowed through the veins of Mary’s Lamb was the very blood of God.
        5. Acts 20:28
           1. God’s blood was shed on the cross.
           2. Some people may say that God doesn’t have blood since He is a spirit.
           3. God had blood when Jesus was on this Earth.
           4. The blood that flowed through the veins of the Son of God was the rich, red, royal blood of Almighty God.
     7. He came as He did, born of a virgin, to be what He was, sinless.
     8. He was what He was, sinless, to do what He did, die for our sins.
     9. He died for our sins that He, being what He was, made us what we are not and ought to be, and that is children of God.
     10. He came to Earth that we might go to Heaven.
     11. He was born of a virgin that we might be born again.
     12. He was made the Son of Man that we might become sons and daughters of God.
     13. He died for us.
     14. About one-third of the Gospels is given to the last week in the life of Jesus.
         1. When the angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds at the time of Jesus’ birth, those shepherds were watching the Passover lambs in the fields of Bethlehem.
            1. Luke 2:8-11
         2. On the day that we call Palm Sunday, the Lord Jesus came down the Mount of Olives and ascended up to the Temple Mount.
         3. At the same time the Lord Jesus went through the Eastern Gate, Passover lambs went through the Sheep Gate.
         4. At the same time the priests examined the Passover lambs up on the Temple Mount to make certain that they were a perfect sacrifice, the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world was being examined by the Sadducees, Pharisees, Herodians, scribes, and the Roman officers.
            1. They were nit-picking and trying to find some fault in the Lord Jesus.

Pilate had to confess that he could find no fault in Him.

John 19:4

They had to confess that no man ever spoke like Jesus.

John 7:46

* + - * 1. It became blatantly obvious that every charge that they laid against Him was a blasphemous lie.

He was a perfect Lamb.

* + - 1. Jesus went from the Temple Mount to the Last Supper and then to dark Gethsemane.
      2. By 9:00 that morning, He was on His way to the cross.
         1. The cross was on Mount Moriah, where the temple was located.
         2. This is also the location where God told Abraham, “I will provide Myself a sacrifice.”

Genesis 22:14

* + - * 1. The Passover lambs were also on Mount Moriah.
        2. God’s Lamb was lifted up on a cruel Roman cross at 3:00 in the afternoon.

The priests were sacrificing the little Passover lambs at the same time the Lamb of God was hanging on the cross.

* + - * 1. Jesus said, “It is finished!”

John 19:30

It is paid in full.

There is no more need for the priests or Levites.

There is no more need for the shepherds to raise lambs out in the field in Bethlehem.

Because Mary had a little Lamb, His fleece was white as snow.

* 1. He was a saving Lamb.
     1. 1 Corinthians 5:7
     2. Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
     3. Are you fully trusting in His grace?
     4. Thank God for Mary’s little Lamb that died upon the cross.
  2. He is to be a shared Lamb.
     1. When we come to the Lord’s table to partake in the Lord’s Supper, we come to a celebration.
        1. We come to feed upon the Lamb.
     2. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
     3. When we share the Lamb, we do not come to mourn a corpse but to hail a conqueror.

1. the lamb in victory (Revelation 5:1-7)
   1. The Lamb in prophecy and the Lamb in history is now the Lamb in victory.
   2. The Apostle John was caught up into Heaven and had a glimpse into glory and saw the throne of God.
      1. Revelation 5:1-7
         1. The seven-sealed book mentioned in this passage is the title deed to the Earth, the heavens, and the netherworld.
            1. This book represents the right to rule.
         2. The Apostle John sees this book and realizes that there is no one who can break the seals and open the book.
            1. There are no angels in Heaven above who can open the book.
            2. A search is sent out throughout all of Earth.

No politician, no religionist, no artist, no scientist, no philosopher, no military genius is able to open the book.

* + - * 1. A search is made in the netherworld of Hell.

There is no demon and no power of Satan that can open the book.

* + - 1. John is about to weep because he thinks that history will come to an untimely end.
      2. But the angel tells him not to weep but to behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah.
         1. Revelation 5:5
         2. We can say the same thing to those today who are brokenhearted:

Don’t weep; behold Him!

Put your eyes upon the Lord Jesus.

* + - 1. John turns to see the Lion, and he sees the Lamb.
  1. John saw a small Lamb.
     1. Revelation 5:6
        1. The word “lamb” in this passage is not the ordinary word for “lamb.”
           1. It means a little lamb, a pet lamb, or a baby lamb.

It has the idea of a little household pet.

* + - * 1. This is the same word that Jesus used with John when He said, “Feed My lambs.”

John 21:17

* + 1. On the one hand is Satan the serpent and antichrist the beast.
    2. On the other hand is the little Lamb.
  1. John saw a slain Lamb.
     1. Revelation 5:6
     2. This Lamb still bears the marks of the nails.
        1. These are the souvenirs of Earth; the emblems of redemption that He will bear forever.
  2. John saw a standing Lamb.
     1. Revelation 5:6
     2. He laid down in death in a grave, but the grave could not hold Him.
     3. He is now standing and making intercession for us.
     4. This speaks of the resurrection of the Lamb.
  3. John saw a strong Lamb.
     1. The Lamb has seven horns.
        1. Revelation 5:6
        2. In the Bible, horns are emblematic of power.
           1. They speak.
           2. An animal would take his horns to ram, to butt, to gore, and to fight.
        3. Seven is the emblem of perfect power.
  4. John saw a searching Lamb.
     1. Revelation 5:6
     2. The Lamb is full of eyes.
        1. This speaks of intelligence and omniscience.
        2. He is omnipotent and omniscient.
           1. He knows what we are thinking this very moment.
           2. He sees every move that we make.
  5. John saw a sovereign Lamb.
     1. Revelation 5:7
     2. He and He alone is the secret of history.
        1. He is the mystery of history.
     3. By what right does He have to take the book?
        1. He has the right of creation.
           1. He made it all.
        2. He has the right of Calvary.
           1. He died and shed His blood for it.
        3. He has the right of conquest.
           1. He was raised from the dead.
        4. He is the great I AM, and I AM was born a Lamb.
           1. Mary’s Lamb is sovereign God.

1. The lamb in majesty
   1. Revelation 5:8-12
   2. Worthy is the Lamb!
      1. He is exclusively, exceedingly, and eternally worthy.
   3. He alone in worthy of our love.
   4. He alone is worthy of our lives.
   5. He alone is worthy of our deepest loyalty.
2. CONCLUSION
   1. Mary had a little Lamb; His fleece was white as snow.
   2. This little Lamb was crucified to pay the debt you owe.
   3. If you will receive Him as your Lord and Savior, then His scarlet red blood will take away your scarlet red sin and make you whiter than snow.
      1. If you will trust Him.
   4. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   5. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16