

Lesson #3 Plans for Salvation before the Beginning of the World

Opening Shot:

God knows all and sees all. He knew from the beginning that man would choose to sin and therefore fall away. So, God planned from before the world began to provide for our salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. God taught His people to sacrifice a lamb without blemish as a guilt or sin offering. Jesus came to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He died once for all time. Jesus is the perfect Lamb of God.

Introduction to Bible Truths: (Optional)

Genesis 22:7-8 *Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.*

John 1:29 *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

Revelation 13:8 *All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to **the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.***

Ask Me No Questions/ I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) How could God know what was going to happen in the Future?
- 2.) If God knew man was going to "fall away" from Him in sin, why did He make man anyway?
- 3.) Why did Jesus only have to die once?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

- 1.) **Revelation 1:8** *"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." God knows everything in the past, present and future, already. We can trust what He tells us.*
- 2.) **John 1:1-3** *says this about Jesus: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. Although it is a mystery to us WHY God would make us when He knew that we would fall away, we know that He did so willingly (**Genesis 1**) and that He provided for our forgiveness BEFORE He created us.*
- 3.) **1 Peter 1:18-19** *For you know that it was not with perishable things...that you were redeemed... but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. **1 Peter 3:18** For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. The Lamb of God only had to die once!*

Parting Shot:

God knew we would mess up. He provided for our salvation before the beginning of the world out of His mercy and goodness. Because of what Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God, has done, we can be saved from our sins!

