

Discovery 0 – LAMBS

Purpose: To show how lambs and sheep are used symbolically for and testify of Jesus Christ.

John 1:29 – John the Baptist declared Jesus to be the “Lamb of God”
What did he mean by that?

The use of “Lamb” for Jesus has reference to Old Testament sacrifice. Lambs are seen as symbols of:
“renewal, victory of life upon the death, gentleness, tenderness, innocence. . . and the white color stands for purity.”

Sacrifice of flocks a commandment from beginning.
Moses 5:5-7 – firstlings of flocks, in similitude of Only Begotten Son

Qualities of lambs used for sacrifice include:
Genesis 22:7-8 – God to provide lamb for sacrifice
Exodus 12:5 – without blemish, male, 1st year
Numbers 6:14 – 1st year without blemish

How do these descriptions identify Jesus with the Lamb?
What other qualities of lambs would be attributes of the Savior? (obedience, meek)

Clear identification of Jesus with the Lamb:
1 Peter 1:19 – Christ is Lamb without blemish
1 Corinthians 5:7 – Christ is the Passover lamb of sacrifice
Revelation 1:14 – hair of Son of Man white like wool
Isaiah 53:7 – Jesus like lamb to slaughter, sheep to shearers, open not his mouth
1 Nephi 13:40 – Lamb of God is Son of the Eternal Father, Savior of the world.

The qualities of lambs used as symbols:
Isaiah 1:18 – sins can become like wool (clean)
1 Nephi 12:11 – garments white like unto Lamb of God, made white in his blood

Lambs/Sheep identified with those who are righteous:
Matthew 25:33-34 – sheep on right hand of God
John 21:15-17 – members like lambs/sheep to be fed

Savior is one who cares for sheep as the Shepherd
John 10:11-27 – good shepherd
Matthew 25:32 – he is good shepherd

Blessings that flow from the Lamb:
Revelation 7:17 – Christ is Lamb in midst of throne to feed them
Revelation 12:11 – adversary overcome by blood of Lamb
Alma 34:36 – sins washed white in Lamb’s blood

Leviticus 1:2-3 – as male of flock offered, of what importance is it that the offering represents Christ?