

**“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”**  
**Lent and Holy Week Meditations, 2023**  
**Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners, Ohio**

For Lent and Holy Week this year at Zion Lutheran we will reflect on the many meanings and teachings from Scripture about our Lord Jesus being, and having the title, “The Lamb of God.” Throughout the Old Testament it is clear that God would atone for all of humanity’s sins through a sacrifice He would choose. The Old Testament animal sacrifices pointed to this final saving sacrifice. The prophets foretold of the human who would be this sacrifice. The Gospels clearly identify Jesus as this sacrifice and the New Testament epistles give teachings that Jesus as the Lamb of God gives us forgiveness, life and salvation. Finally in Revelation, Jesus is honored and praised as the Lamb of God.

Maundy Thursday, April 6, “The Lamb of God Goes Willingly”  
Luke 22:24-71

Our Lent meditations have been on readings from God’s Word that have shown God’s promise and plan that He would give a final, holy Sacrifice which would cleanse and redeem His people from all their sin. In the Old Testament numerous required sacrifices had many details which pointed to what Jesus would do as God’s final sacrifice. Prophecies like Isaiah 52:13-52:12 explained who the holy Sacrifice would be, and what He would accomplish.

The New Testament Gospel readings narrate how Jesus of Nazareth carried out His work as the Lamb of God. He is a Servant willing to undergo all suffering: humility, betrayal and denials, mocking, torture, and blasphemies the He might save all sinners.

Sermon Notes - “The Lamb of God Goes Willingly” Luke 22:24-71

I. The promised, holy and great Lamb of God is Servant of all.  
vs 24-27

- The disciples argued who would be the greatest
- Such thinking is the world’s way but not God’s way
- Jesus is Servant - Jesus is I AM - Jesus is among them

II. - The Servant of the LORD Serves Sinners  
vs 31-34

- Jesus warned Peter that he would deny Jesus, but Jesus has prayed for Peter than Peter would not be lost forever.
- Peter says he would not deny but would die for Jesus.
- Jesus knows that instead, He needed to die for denying Peter

vs 35-38

- Jesus made sure all prophecies about the Lamb of God would be fulfilled.
- Isaiah’s prophesied that the holy Servant of the Lord would be among, counted as and treated like a sinner.
- The disciples carrying the two swords are part of the fulfilment that Jesus was among sinners. They would defend themselves, but deny Jesus.

vs 39-46

- The Servant of the LORD remains the Servant. He would willingly be the sacrifice – the Lamb of God. The LORD’s plan.

vs 47-62

- The betrayal (Judas) and denial (Peter) of Jesus show that Jesus alone is the Servant, the Lamb of God. Even close friends are sinners that betray and deny the LORD Himself (I AM)

III. Even Blaspheming the Lamb of God Will Not Stop Him vs 63-71

- Unbelief, mocking and torturing the Lamb will not stop His sacrifice work, for which He will be honored and glorified before all creatures in heaven and earth. I AM (Rev. 5)