One of these days, I believe that one of these days I will be able to sing.
Today's not that day, but I get a little bit
jealous when I hear people listen to me like that.
John chapter 1, begin reading verse number 19 and read down through verse number 29.
The verse 4 verses in the Gospel of John are some of the
most profound and important verses that we'll ever read.
Verse 1 says, In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.
And in Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
And the light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehendedeth not.
I continue to go on and on and on.
He's talking about the Word that became flesh, the Lord Jesus.
But in verse number 19, we see here, and it says,
And this is the record of John.
John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask Him,
Who art thou?
John, who are you?
And he confessed and denied not, but confessed, I am not the Christ.
And they asked Him, What then?
Are thou a lost?
Or he saith, I am not.
Are thou that prophet?
And he answered, No.
Then said they unto Him, Who art thou?
That we may give an answer to them that sent us.
What sayest thou of thyself?
And he said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness.
Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Isaiah.
And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.
And they asked Him, and said unto Him,
Why baptizest thou then, if there be not
that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?
John answered them, saying, I baptize with water.
But there standeth one among you whom you know not.
He it is, who coming after me, is preferred before me.
Whose shoes latched, I am not worthy to unloose.
These things were done in Beth Bar, beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.
And lastly, verse 29, the verse is on my heart.
And it says, The next day, John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith,
Behold.
There he is.
Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the word.
Let's pray.
Dear Father, I am weak, but you are strong.
I am insufficient, but you are more than enough.
God, I pray for the next few moments that you would
give us the eyes to behold the glory of your Son.
The work of your Son.

Lord, in the most deepest need that rests in every single one of us.
And that is to recognize him, repent, and put our faith in his finished work.
Lord, take this time, Lord, you use it for your honor and for your glory.
In Jesus' sweet name we pray.
Amen.
And amen.
I heard someone say not too long ago, mistakenly, by the way,
that the Bible will answer all of our questions.
The Bible does not answer all of our questions.
That's not his purpose.
But what the Bible does do, it tells us the things that we most need to know.
In fact, it tells us the things that we must know.
Even within the Bible itself, we'll find out that there are priorities.
There are things that rank as sort of an order of importance.
You say, preacher, where do you see that?
Where is that written?
Is that just your opinion?
No, it's not just my opinion.
One of those verses that really enforced that or
stressed that were Paul writes to Corinthians.
First Corinthians chapter 2, verse 2, he says,
For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified.
Now, what does that mean?
It doesn't mean that Paul didn't teach on other things that are of vital importance.
Paul taught fathers how to be better fathers, husbands how to be better husbands,
mothers and wives how to be better husbands and mothers and wives.
He taught about the church and the order of the church and the way it was to be set up.
He taught about giving, forgiving.
He taught about all of these things.
But the point that Paul was making was that he knew
that there was one thing that ranked above all things.
There was one thing that was the primary matter, the primary focus.
And even that apart from Jesus Christ and him
crucified, all the rest makes no eternal difference.
Prayer is pointless.
Faith is useless.
This serving, this singing, all of that stuff is absolutely
meaningless apart from the gospel and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And Paul is writing, that is the one that we must see.
And I love this scene with John the Baptist.
John the Baptist knew something about this as well.
Here, John is here and they come out to see who
is this wild man who is causing such a stir.
I mean, who is this man who is this man who is dressing camel's hair and
eating bugs and calling Herod out on his sin and preaching repentance.
And who is this guy who all these people are beginning to flock to and come to.
And I love John's answer.
And would to God, every preacher that stands behind a
pulpit this morning would answer the same way he did.

He says, I'm just a voice.
I'm not, I'm not, I'm not anybody at all.
I'm just one that's speaking.
He said, but there's another that's among us that you don't know yet.
He's the one that was preferred before me because he was before me.
He's one whose shoes latch and I'm not worthy
to even kneel down and unlace his shoes.
He says, it's the one that the Spirit of God descended upon him and rested upon him.
And I love this scene.
Now the next day comes and John sees Jesus coming.
And he says, behold, the Lamb of God.
There he is, which taketh away the sin of the world.
This morning I want to share with you on this thought of behold the Lamb.
There's some things in this passage that just,
that we have to grasp, that we have to see.
Number one, John's title, the Spirit leads John to use.
We find that this is God's Lamb.
He says, behold the Lamb of God.
Now we don't really relate to this in our day.
I think it might do us some good if we could go back just
a little bit to the time of John's day and Jesus' day.
But all these people in this day, they were accustomed to lambs.
The men that come before them were accustomed to lambs.
They knew the purpose for lambs.
This was not a household pet.
It was not just for food.
No, it was an entire market that these lambs were used for sacrifices.
They were lambs to be killed.
They were lambs to be slain.
They were the lambs of man for the purpose of sacrifice.
But there's something else that these men recognized and they knew,
that every man was responsible for his lamb.
Imagine, Tommy, I mean, I got wrapped away in this last night late.
That if each one of us had to come to church today with our own lamb.
Because we know we come as sinful.
We know we come as dirty.
We know we come as stained.
We know we come as rebel.
So before we leave the house, we go out and we buy one at the market.
And we come here with our lambs.
So all of these men were familiar with the lambs of man.
But John says, look here, behold, this is the lamb of God.
Not the common lamb from the local market.
Not just another lamb, an everyday lamb from an everyday shepherd.
And folks, I'm not playing with words here.
I'm not trying to make something out of nothing.
This is of the utmost importance in eternity, in life, in death.
This is the most significant fact I believe in all the Bible.
This lamb is God's lamb.
Folks, there's things that man has learned to do

that completely can do and learn to do that are just, to me, unfathomable.
Man has learned how to split an item that the human eye can't even see.
We can take an organ out of a dead man and put it
in a living man and that man continues to go on.
I'm telling you, we've learned how to do things that are
absolutely, we've learned to solve insolvable problems.
But I want to state to us this morning,
there is a problem that man can't fix.
Now we've thrown a lot at it.
We've thrown religion at it.
We've thrown traditions at it.
We've thrown denominations at it.
We've thrown legislation at it.
We've thrown education at it.
We've thrown money at it, medicine at it, morality at it.
We've tried to do so many things to fix this thing.
But the reality is we've got a problem that man cannot fix.
And that problem is simply this,
is that man is sinful and God is holy.
This is no minor inconvenience.
There's no insignificant issue.
It is the greatest problem to ever exist.
It still exists.
And the reality is man has no, as smart as he is,
as intelligent he is,
he has no solution for this problem.
It is a problem that only God can solve.
And in order to solve it,
God provided his lamb.
I love this.
John says, Behold, the lamb of God.
God provided his lamb.
Then why did God have to provide a lamb?
Because folks,
God's lamb is the only lamb
that could carry the weight.
It would not be a waste of time to spend lots of time
studying on the miracle of creation.
By the way,
we serve a really, really, really big God.
I mean, it needs nothing from nobody who just said,
let it be.
And there was.
It would not be a waste of time to spend lots of time
studying the vastness of eternity.
Folks,
there is no end.
It's bigger than I can conceive.
It's bigger than I can think about.
But of all the,

it would be a waste of time to spend lots
of time studying the mystery of the Trinity.
And there's so many things within this book that we can study.
But I want to state to us this morning,
the greatest truth that we could ever comprehend,
the greatest study that we can ever endure
and embrace is the work and the person
of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God
who took his place upon the cross of God.
And that's just not my opinion.
That's why Paul says what he does
in 1 Corinthians 2,
verse 2.
He says, For I was determined
not to know anything among you,
though I taught about other things and I preached about other things
and we addressed so many other things,
but the primary matter
was the gospel,
Jesus Christ,
and Him crucified.
I had someone say something to me the other day that really,
really grabbed me.
And listen, because you may say, oh me.
Basically,
what it says
of how sad it is
that the most important thing that we could ever believe and embrace and be taught
is the one thing
that so many people have heard about and in a sense that bores them.
I thought about this.
It's been a long time since I preached at homecoming or decoration.
Y'all know there's not a section in the Bible
that says homecoming or decoration messages.
What do you preach?
When families are getting back together.
I mean, I'm as human as anybody else and say, well,
maybe there's something to do great about being reunited
and seeing one another and all of these different things.
I don't know something about singing
or this or that or the other.
And it's like
the Spirit of God just grabbed me.
The most important thing,
the main thing is that we
as people of God, people that don't know God,
that we behold
the Lamb of God,
that we see Him that we embrace Him,
that we worship Him,

that we fall before Him.
As you say, preacher,
what's going to lead a man to do that?
That it is the only the Lamb of God
that could carry
the weight of sin.
Remember,
we've got a problem that we cannot fix.
Only God's Lamb could fix it.
Only God's Lamb could carry the weight.
Try to imagine
if we can.
The vileness,
the wretchedness,
the ugliness,
the pain,
the stain
of the sin of humanity
being saturated and all piled upon one individual.
Not the mistakes of good man,
I mean the wretchedness and the wickedness of evil man.
Just the people in this room.
Brandon,
if He took mine and He took yours
and just some of us in here,
I mean, if He just took hours and put all of that weight upon one person.
But what my Bible tells me is because I've got a problem I can't fix
and the lambs of man can't fix it.
Religion can't fix it.
Denominations can't fix it.
Singings can't fix it.
Education can't fix it.
Learning new things can't fix it.
That the only solution is God says,
I will provide a lamb.
I will provide my lamb and I'm going to take all the sin and the ugliness
and the vileness
and I'm going to place every bit of that
upon my lamb.
Get lost in that.
That it was only God's lamb that could carry that weight.
It was only God's lamb
that endured the justice of a holy God
against sin and sinners.
Folks, Jesus did this.
Hey, Jesus did more
than die for my sin.
He did more than wear my sin.
Natalie, He was treated as the sinner.
You understand what I'm saying to you?

These people,
we say they deserve justice.
I was reading about this individual that went in and killed these four college students and all of the things that we see.
We take his sin.
We take my sin.
We take all of those things and place them upon
the Lord Jesus and that is why Christ cried out,
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Because He looked down and He saw the stain of man.
But it did not stop there.
That the just wrath of God,
Jesus didn't just wear my sin,
but He was crushed,
smitten,
treated as the worst sinner that has ever lived because He had Blake Northington's sin upon Him.
He had my sin upon Him.
This is why John says, Look,
there's another lamb coming.
This ain't about me.
It ain't about what I'm doing.
Behold,
God has sent a lamb
and it is only God's lamb
that can carry the weight that has to be carried.
See, the lambs of men
cover sin for a time,
but they could not begin
to even touch the problem.
Because you know why?
Ultimately,
this lamb couldn't even be a lamb at all.
This lamb had to be a man.
Who is Jesus?
John chapter 1,
the word became flesh and He dwelt among us.
See,
man sinned.
Man has to pay.
Man rebelled.
Man has to die.
All of our injustice,
all of our wrongs, all of our sins,
this great problem that separates man from God.
Man must pay for that.
So the only answer is,
what man is big enough?
What man is loving enough?
What man is strong enough?

What man could possibly serve
as the sin bearer for the entire world?
And I love what John says, Behold,
the Lamb of God.
That's my hope.
That's our hope.
Only Christ could carry the weight.
But praise God,
only God's lamb
could get out from up underneath it.
I love what John writes in Revelation.
He says,
look there, he's getting a glimpse in the glory.
And he's weeping because no man was worthy
to open the book.
And they said, weep not.
Behold, the lion of the tribe of Judah hath prefailed to open the book.
It says, and I look,
and there stood a lamb
as it had been slain.
Can I tell you what I believe we're going to see
when we see the Lord Jesus?
If you do indeed see him,
he's still going to be wearing the scars that are on my redemption.
He's alive
and he's standing but the weight
of the stain of the wages of sin.
John,
it actually slain, it means the word butchered.
Slaughtered.
John says, I look
and I saw
this lamb
as it had just been crushed
but it's standing.
It's God's lamb.
Only God's lamb could carry the weight.
But folks, only God's lamb
can fulfill
and impart.
Listen to what I'm about to say because some of you,
you're not going to agree with me and it's okay if you want to be wrong.
It's going to sound strange
and it's going to sound different.
But I want to tell you this.
Christ paying the price
for our sins
does not solve the problem.
Christ becoming sin
for he hath made him to be sin who knew no sin.

Where my sin punished as a sinner
Christ paying the price for my sins does not solve the problem.
Even finding forgiveness through Christ
does not solve the problem.
Preacher,
you know, I've heard that my entire life.
Let me tell you something.
There is so much more
and we need more.
See, here's the next thing.
We need righteousness that we do not have.
We need purity.
We need perfection
that no fallen man possesses.
Being forgiven simply isn't enough.
We need the righteousness
and the perfection of God.
Hebrews 12 says that without holiness
no man shall see the Lord.
And the reality is that ought to send a cold chill
up our spine because even though I get forgiven
that doesn't make me righteous.
That doesn't make me holy.
I need something more than what I am.
Do you understand?
I'm looking at you like I have three heads.
Do you understand what I'm saying?
I was thinking about that guy that went in and killed those four college students.
Let's say that the judge
and the family
decide Scotty to forgive him.
you're forgiven.
You're freed.
No punishment for you.
Does that make him righteous?
No.
He's simply a forgiven murderer.
See people the real problem with us
isn't so much what we've done
it's what we are.
So God sent a lamb
not a man's lamb
but God's lamb.
He sent a lamb
to carry the weight
to wear my sin
to face the punishment to face the justice
but He also sent His lamb
because only His lamb could fulfill
and impart.

I love what Jesus says in Matthew chapter 5
He says think not that I have come to destroy the law of the prophets
I have not come to destroy
but to fulfill.
Friend that is
the mouthful.
Who is the lamb of God?
He is the sin bearer
for Brian Weems and Dickie Sparks
and Alton Hester in every individual that has ever walked
but He is more than that
He is the spotless lamb
the perfect lamb with a 100% record that He got it right.
He said I always do those things that please Him so when He went to the cross
He just didn't wear sin that He's going there offering
needing the fulfillments of a holy and righteous
God that He did it everything right as required.
Friend we don't have that.
I know some good people.
I know some good people in this room
but friend there is not a one of us
that meets what does it take
let me ask you
what does it take to be accepted by God?
When I say to be accepted I mean that we can dwell
in the presence of God.
it takes perfection.
Perfection.
It takes purity.
It takes spotlessness.
And what that ought to do
to each and every one of us is to fall down
upon our knees this morning on the night 2026 it said oh my God
I am unacceptable to God
because I am not this individual.
I have sinned and I have sinned woefully.
I have sinned and I have sinned numerously.
I do not meet the standard of God
and John says behold
the spotless Lamb
of God who comes not simply to wear my sin but to meet the requirements of the Lord.
Folks there is no hope for us apart from His sacrificial death
but there is even less apart from
His perfect life
and that is the miracle
the wonder
the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ that through repentance and faith
His death becomes my death
but praise God through repentance and faith
His righteousness His record

His perfection simply by believing
and repenting and trusting that the very righteousness of God is imputed
to the individual.
that's it!
that's it!
I remember me and Missy was walking one day
walking up the road
now we need we need the Bible
we need the Bible
she said Brian
I can understand the idea of grace
and I can relate to the idea of grace
and I can relate to the idea of mercy
and all of these things in my life and being
forgiven she said but what I really struggle with
is the righteousness of God that God can look down at me and that He can see me
as righteous in His eyes and I says honey
welcome to the club
and that's why none of us if we'll be honest we just hang our head but the glory
of the gospel and the work of the cross is yelling it doesn't see me as I am
but because I've repented and I've turned I believed in Him that I died with Him
and now the very righteousness of Christ is draped upon me that it has come in
and it has solved the unsolvable problem that Christ in the man that man in Christ
and we now have His record listen if we would get there and we would grasp that
we'd come here and we would worship
and we'd serve and we'd pray and we'd love and we'd forgive
and the lost man would come flocking and running to the cross
behold
the Lamb of God God's Lamb
was the only one
that could carry the weight
God's Lamb
was the only one
that could fulfill and impart
but I love this last part
God's Lamb
is the only one
that can remove
what separates look what John says in verse number 29
the next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him and said behold
the Lamb
of God what
which taketh away
the sin
of the world
you say preacher I live in a world of sin
yes you do that's not what he's talking about
what he's talking about
we find the answer in Hebrews chapter 10
it says for it is not possible

that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins
it is not possible
it is not possible when we say why in the world then did the Lord order for them
to offer these sacrifices and these bulls and these goats
it was a reminder of how much they needed grace it was a reminder of their sin
and it's impossible for any of that to solve the problem of man
you know what else is not possible to solve the problem of man
church attendance
giving
tithing
singing
preaching it's not possible for any of that
to take away sins
Hebrews 10
goes on
but this man
I love what he says
but this man
this lamb
after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever
sat down on the right hand of God
for by one offering
he had perfected forever them that are sanctified
the most monumental moment that occurred when our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified
and I wish we had one here wasn't just dead men coming out of the grave it wasn't
just an earthquake what it was is there was this big thick heavy veil
that separated
man from God and the moment
God's lamb gave his life the moment
his offering was accepted that thing was torn in half from top to the bottom
and the thing that separated man from God has now been removed John says behold
the lamb of God it has taken away that which separates me from the Lord
so here's my question
are you
beholding
the lamb of God
not have we beheld him
but are we beholding
the very one
that wore
my sin
are we beholding
the very one
who fulfilled all righteousness
are we beholding
the very one who alone imparts righteousness are we beholding the one
friend that has removed
that which separates God from man
I shared a quote with Mitzi yesterday that I read last week
you say preacher I have

this preacher said this the question we need to ask ourselves
isn't have we prayed a prayer
but are we bearing the fruits
of repentance
because if you are beholding this precious lamb of God
we will be bearing
the fruits of repentance
knowing
or don't know him my plea this morning is to behold
the lamb of God let's sing brother out there heavenly father
thank you for your work
thank you for your son
Lord what's wrong with me
what's wrong with us what's wrong with this world
is beyond
man's ability
to even begin to touch it
the Lord our
problem
didn't occur to you one day
that this lamb that you sent in the day of John indeed was a land that was slain
before the foundation of the world
that for your glory and our good this purpose he came
God I pray this morning
Lord how easy it is for us to get lost in this life and we think about all the
things that we think we need the desires that we have
and we never really stop and truly gaze in glory
in the work of not only what you've done but what you're doing
God I pray this morning if no one has ever trusted you that they would today
but God I pray so just as fervently
that those of us who have tasted your amazing grace
would behold you once again
and behold you again
and again and again
until your righteousness
will just ooze us from our very lives
in Jesus sweet name we pray amen let's stand
Thank you.