

Focus: Divine Providence, culminating in Jesus, the Lamb of God

1. Quick Review:

- a. One goal: Proclaim the story
 - i. Kerygma → Proclamation:
- b. Series so far: The Goodness of Creation; Sin and Its Consequences
 - i. Bad News: "...all men are under the power of Sin."
 - ii. "*The wages of sin is death...*" (Romans 6:23)

2. A First Look: How does God respond to rebellion?

- a. Look at Scripture:
 - i. God in the Old Testament: Reputation vs. Reality
 - ii. What is the first thing he does after The Fall?
 1. Genesis 3:21 - He made clothing for them → He provided for them.

3. World's Fastest Study of the Entire Bible

- a. Genesis 12: Zoom in on Abram
 - i. Abram: Exalted Father; Abraham: Father of Nations
 - ii. Triple promise: Land, descendants, worldwide blessing
- b. Genesis 21-22: A very strange command.
 - i. The Lord will provide
- c. Genesis 12-50: Abraham → Isaac → Jacob (Israel) → Joseph
- d. Exodus 1-14: Egypt → Slavery
- e. Exodus 3-14: Moses and the Ten Plagues
- f. Exodus 12-13: Final Plague: The Passover Lamb & Death of the First-Born
 - i. Lamb without blemish
 - ii. Sprinkle the blood and eat its flesh
- g. Exodus 16-Joshua 3: In the desert for 40 years. God provides: food, drink, law, protection
- h. Joshua - 2 Kings: In the Promised Land. God provides: land, king and kingdom
- i. All the while: spiritual slavery
 - i. "*The wages of sin is death...*"
 - ii. Because of spiritual slavery → physical slavery and exile
- j. Prophets: Warnings and promises (e.g. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, Ezekiel, Zechariah, etc)
 - i. Promises: Restoration; the Suffering Servant
 - ii. Final prophet: Malachi - ~450 b.c.
- k. The Gospels Begin (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)
 - i. Angel visits and babies are born (Luke 1)
- l. John the Baptist in the desert (Luke 3:1-20)
 - i. Repent!
 - ii. Behold the Lamb of God!
- m. Last Supper and Crucifixion
 - i. "*This is my body...the blood of the new covenant*"
 - ii. Blood and water pour out of his pierced side

4. Jesus: The Passover Lamb of God

- a. God's Response to Sin: He provides every remedy, above all his own Son!

Reflection Question and Reading Homework:

1. Does this help you understand why we call Jesus the Lamb of God each week at Mass?
2. **Read:** Isaiah 49:24-26; 1 John 3:8; Luke 1:68-79; Luke 11:21-22; John 1:1-3, 14