

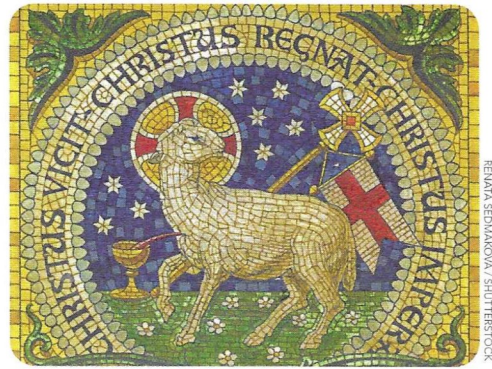
Dear Padre,

Why do we call Jesus “the Lamb of God”? How did Jesus get that name, and why do we refer to him as a lamb? Doesn’t that make him sound weak and helpless?

A lamb was a common animal of sacrifice for the Jews. The Passover account talks about sacrificing an unblemished lamb to God and eating its flesh so the people would have strength for the journey to the Promised Land.

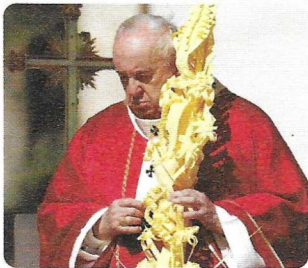
Jesus is the perfect, unblemished sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven and we are made children of God. The Father provides Jesus as the sacrifice, and so Jesus is the Lamb of God, the sacrificial offering made because God loves us. Jesus chose to sacrifice himself according to the Father’s plan. “He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8). Jesus gave himself into our hands so we could be caressed by the hands of God.

Like the Passover lamb, the Lamb of God is food for us. We “eat his body” and “drink his blood.” This food and drink gives us strength for our journey of faith. The food we receive from Jesus, the Lamb, is the nourishment we need to do as St. Paul begs the Philippians—and us—to do: “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death—not over someone and against someone else. But today, there is a war. Why do we want to win like this...?

There are only losses this way. Why not allow him to win?

ANGELUS, APRIL 10, 2022

MONDAY

April 3
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1–7
Jn 12:1–11

TUESDAY

April 4
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1–6
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

WEDNESDAY

April 5
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4–9a
Mt 26:14–25

THURSDAY

April 6
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Chrism Mass:
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9
Rv 1:5–8
Lk 4:16–21

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper:
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Jn 13:1–15

FRIDAY

April 7
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

SATURDAY

April 8
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18
Ex 14:15–15:1
Is 54:5–14
Is 55:1–11
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
Rom 6:3–11
Mt 28:1–10

SUNDAY

April 9
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8
Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10

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