

Word notes Sunday 24/1/10 Thea Geach
Jesus: Light of the World & Lamb of God

Summary (read this bit out to remind cell members what was said on Sunday)

Key Texts: John 1:1-9 & 29-36

The disciple John refers to Jesus as “the light”, in John 8:12 Jesus himself says “I Am the Light of the World”. John the Baptist points to Jesus and with great enthusiasm exclaims “Look the Lamb of God”.

God is associated with light throughout the Bible, more than that “God is Light” (1 John 1:5) and when God reveals himself either directly or in a vision He is there in the Light, be it a vision of a fantastic being of light (Revelations, Daniel) or in fire (the burning bush, the pillar of fire) or a light so bright it blinds (Saul – for 3 days). Often people’s reaction is to kneel or lay on the floor to be afraid to be in the presence of God, sometimes to shy away like the people in the wilderness who seeing the glory of God on Moses preferred to let him be an intermediary. Why – the light reveals our failings, the dirt in our lives.

Help is at hand!

Jesus is also the Lamb of God. Did those that heard him make the connection with sacrifice? In freeing Israel from Egypt it was only the death of all first-born that broke Pharaoh’s hold – the sacrifice made by Israel (a lamb for each household) saved them. In the wilderness God instigated a system of sacrifice for atonement of sins. With Jesus “The Lamb of the World” all the law is fulfilled in his death.

In Jesus then all Sin is revealed as the Light and dealt with as the Lamb. The Light shows up all blemishes, the Blood of the Lamb cleanses them.

Thea challenged us to come fully into the light. We may find excuses, justify ourselves, claim God’s love will mean He’ll save us. We may hear the enemy try to convince us to keep things hidden in fear of what others will say. What we should remember is that when we come face to face with Jesus it will not be a meek baby that we see but the amazing being of light.

Application (this is the bit where cell members get to participate. Lead discussions around these points)

What do you think those hearing John the Baptist would have understood by “The Lamb of God” (John 1:29,36)?

Look at the context of John 8:12, what was the outcome for the woman and how does this tie in with the last point?

In bullet points of only a few words what was the woman’s situation:

- before she met Jesus
- when she was accused
- after Jesus spoke

What was the effect of Jesus Light coming into her life?

Read Psalm 32:7. Does your Bible have the *Selah* rests noted – where do they come? What should we reflect on from this talk?

Witness (this is the bit where the cell talks and prays about how to share the Good News)

Read Luke 10:1-3. Is Jesus asking us to pray, to go or both?