

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE
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MARY'S LITTLE LAMB

Luke 2:7-12; John 1:1-5, 14, 29

When I was a little boy, we learned a nursery rhyme—I think you learned it too: Mary had a little lamb, his fleece was white as snow. I want to preach to you today about Mary's little Lamb. We read about that little Lamb in *Luke 2*. A little lamb was born in Bethlehem. The great I Am was born a Lamb. It was not **incidental** and not **accidental** that Jesus was born in Bethlehem it had been prophesied for centuries in *Micah 5:2*. How fitting that Mary's Lamb would be born in Bethlehem. Did you know that for centuries the Jewish priests had been raising Passover lambs in Bethlehem?

There are four things I bring to your attention today about Mary's little Lamb:

I. THE LAMB IN PROPHECY

Would you take your Bibles and go backward to the book of Exodus, and find *Exodus 12:1-6*. Of all of the creatures, the gentlest, the meekest, the most defenseless is a lamb. Do you know what the symbol of Egypt was? It was a serpent. Now this morning I want you to notice this Lamb, the Lamb in prophecy. There are several things that we see about this Lamb.

IT WAS A SPECIAL LAMB - V- 5

IT WAS A SLAIN LAMB - V-6

IT WAS A SAVING LAMB -V-7, 12

IT WAS A SHARED LAMB- V-8

Secondly, we see...

II. THE LAMB IN HISTORY

Moses' lamb in Exodus only prophesied Mary's Lamb in *Luke 2*. Mary had a little Lamb. John the Baptist knew that the babe that was born in Bethlehem was a lamb. When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming, John the Baptist said in *John 1:29*.- "**Behold the Lamb of God...**"

Now I want to say this about Jesus: **Number one, he was a special Lamb**. Jesus was a lamb without spot, without blemish. **He also was a slain Lamb...** remember what John the Baptist said in *John 1:29*. He came as He did - born of a virgin - **to be what He was - the sinless Lamb**.

Now remember that the "**Passover lambs**" were born in Bethlehem. It was those shepherds that were abiding in the fields the night Jesus was born as God's Passover Lamb who were watching the sheep that were used as temple sacrifices. So, He also was a **SAVING LAMB** - The Bible says in *1 Corinthians 5:7*.

Thirdly we see...

III. THE LAMB IN VICTORY

I would like for you to turn with me to **Revelation chapter 5** - the **Lamb in prophecy** and the **Lamb in history** is now the **Lamb in victory**. The apostle John is caught up into heaven. He has a glimpse into glory. He sees the throne of God, and notice as I read beginning in *Vs-1-7*. **Here is a small lamb**. A little lamb! Over here is Satan, the serpent. John also saw a **slain Lamb**. Look, if you would, in *verse 6*. But He also was a **standing Lamb**, and then he sees a **strong Lamb with horns**. He also is a **searching Lamb**, He is full of eyes and lastly he is a **sovereign Lamb V-7**.

And one last thing, and very quickly, you've seen the Lamb in prophecy, you've seen the lamb in history, you've seen the lamb in victory, but now see...

IV. THE LAMB IN MAJESTY

Look at *Vs. 8-12 of Revelation 5*. Mary had a little Lamb; His fleece was white as snow. And I know that you'd like to join me **this Christmas season to say, "Worthy is the lamb"**. Now say that with me out loud, let's do it again and one more time - "**Worthy is the Lamb.**" Exclusively worthy, exceedingly worthy, eternally worthy. Amen and Amen!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!