

Chrismon Devotion

The Lamb

The lamb symbolizes how Jesus Christ is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world through his sacrifice.

“The next day (John the Baptist) saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me’” (John 1:29-30).

A Lamb is a sheep that is less than a year old (Lev. 17:3-4; 1 Sam. 17:34; Isa. 11:6; 65:25). In the Old Testament, Lambs were well known for being used as a sacrifice to God.

“A lamb might also be offered as a freewill offering (Lev. 22:23), a burnt offering (Gen. 22:7-8), a peace offering (Lev. 3:1-7), an atonement for sin (Lev. 5:6; Num. 6:12, 14), and annually at Passover to commemorate the deliverance from Egyptian slavery (Exod. 12:3, 5, 21). The sacrifice of a lamb was a common enough event to be used metaphorically for the suffering or death of an innocent on behalf of others (2 Sam. 12:1-6 the "suffering servant," Isa. 53:7).”*

Jesus is our sacrificial lamb as he sacrificed himself for our sake and to pay the punishment of our sin.

“You know that you were ransomed... but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish” (1 Peter 1:18a-19).

* Eerdmans Bible Dictionary: Lamb



What is a Chrismon?

A Chrismon is a monogram, sign, or symbol referring to or pointing to Christ.