



JESUS IS... LAMB OF GOD / LION OF JUDAH - MEDIATOR

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Preview

This is one of a series of lessons examining Jesus' character and power by exploring His titles and adjectives from A to Z. (*Titles and adjectives are from the King James Version of the Bible and may be different in other translations.*)

A number of Jesus' titles and adjectives seem contradictory.

- What are some of Jesus' titles and adjectives that are opposites? (*Alpha-Omega, Author-Finisher, First-Last, Beginning-End, Advocate-Judge, Branch-Root, Lion-Lamb*)

Praise

When we consider Jesus' contrasting qualities, we get a glimpse of just how amazing and immeasurable He is.

Psalm 139 is filled with contrasts. Let's read these verses together as a praise to God. Read **Psalm 139:1-11** together.

Parable

Let's talk about some of Jesus' adjectives and titles that begin with L and M.

As a child, you probably learned nursery rhymes like "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Show a stuffed toy lamb (or cute picture).

- What characteristics do you associate with a lamb? (*cute, innocent, timid, defenseless, follower, etc.*)

In the Old Testament, many, "cute, innocent, defenseless" (*use adjectives named earlier*) lambs were sacrificed to God for the sins of people.

Read **Hebrews 9:22** from your Bible.

- Without the shedding of blood there is no what? (*remission [forgiveness] of sins*)



The sacrificial lambs were substitutes, taking the place of the sinners. Now listen to what John the Baptist said when Jesus came to him at the Jordan River to be baptized. Read **John 1:29** from your Bible.

Finally, a Lamb that could take away all the sins of the world so no more animal sacrifices would need to be made!

Listen to how Isaiah described the Lamb of God. Read **Isaiah 53:6-7** from your Bible.

We are the sheep who have gone astray. But Jesus is the Lamb of God who willingly offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sins.

Present

In his first letter to Timothy, Paul mentions an M title of Jesus. Read **1 Timothy 2:5** from your Bible.

- How many Gods (capital letter G) are there? (*one*)
- What is a mediator? (*a go-between; someone who brings people together, puts things right*)

Picture it this way: (Show “Mediator” visual, page 4 from this link: <http://www.creative-sunday-school-ideas.com/support-files/jesus-is...letter-m-pt-1-words-pics.pdf>)

- What separates us from God? (*sin; He is holy [without any sin], and we are not*)
- Who bridges the big “sin gap” so we can get to God? (*the man Christ Jesus*)

Remember, Jesus is both God and man.

- What are some things Jesus did that show He is a man? (*He was born, tempted hungry, thirsty, tired, prayed, died, etc.*)
- What are some things Jesus did that show He is God? (*He knew all things, did not sin, healed people, calmed storms, forgave sins, raised His own body from the dead, etc.*)

The man Christ Jesus is the Mediator—the bridge—between God and us. It is His blood that covers our sins so that we can come near to God.

Practice

Earlier we talked about Jesus being the Lamb of God. Here’s an opposite title. Read **Revelation 5:5** from your Bible.



Show a picture of a fierce lion.

- What characteristics do you associate with a lion? (*it's fierce, a bold hunter, king of beasts, king of the jungle, large teeth, scary, etc.*)
- What does "prevailed" mean? (*won; defeated enemies*)

Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He is a descendent of Judah (Israel's fourth son), and Judah means praise (Genesis 29:35).

- Can you think of some examples in the Bible where praise was actually fierce/powerful or helped win a battle? (*briefly mention: Israelites vs. Jericho [Joshua 6:20], Gideon vs. the Midianites [Judges 7:20], King Jehoshaphat vs. Moabites & Ammonites [II Chronicles 20:21-22], Paul & Silas vs. Philippian Jail [Acts 16:25-26], etc.*)

P_{ray}

Read **Revelation 12:10-11** from your Bible.

- What is a testimony? (*a statement of truth or fact; the giving of evidence as a witness [as in court]*)

Let's pray right now, thanking Jesus for being the Lamb of God whose blood covers our sins, the Mediator who bridges the gap to God, and the Lion of Judah who fights for us! Let's ask Him to embolden us to testify. *Pray together.*

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This week take some time to think about Jesus' titles and adjectives that begin with the letters L and M. Use the handout to explore some more of these.