

# The Gospel of John

A dramatic landscape at sunset or sunrise over a large body of water, with sunbeams breaking through a cloudy sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright glow across the water and sky. The clouds are dark and heavy, with the sun's rays piercing through them, creating a powerful and atmospheric scene. The foreground shows a dark, silhouetted hillside with some vegetation.

3. Behold the Lamb of God

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yet **the world did not know Him.**

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and **His own people did not receive Him.**

(John 1:10-11)

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# John the Baptist

And this is the testimony of **John**,  
when the Jews sent priests and Levites  
from Jerusalem to ask him,

**“Who are you?”**

He confessed, and did not deny,  
but confessed,

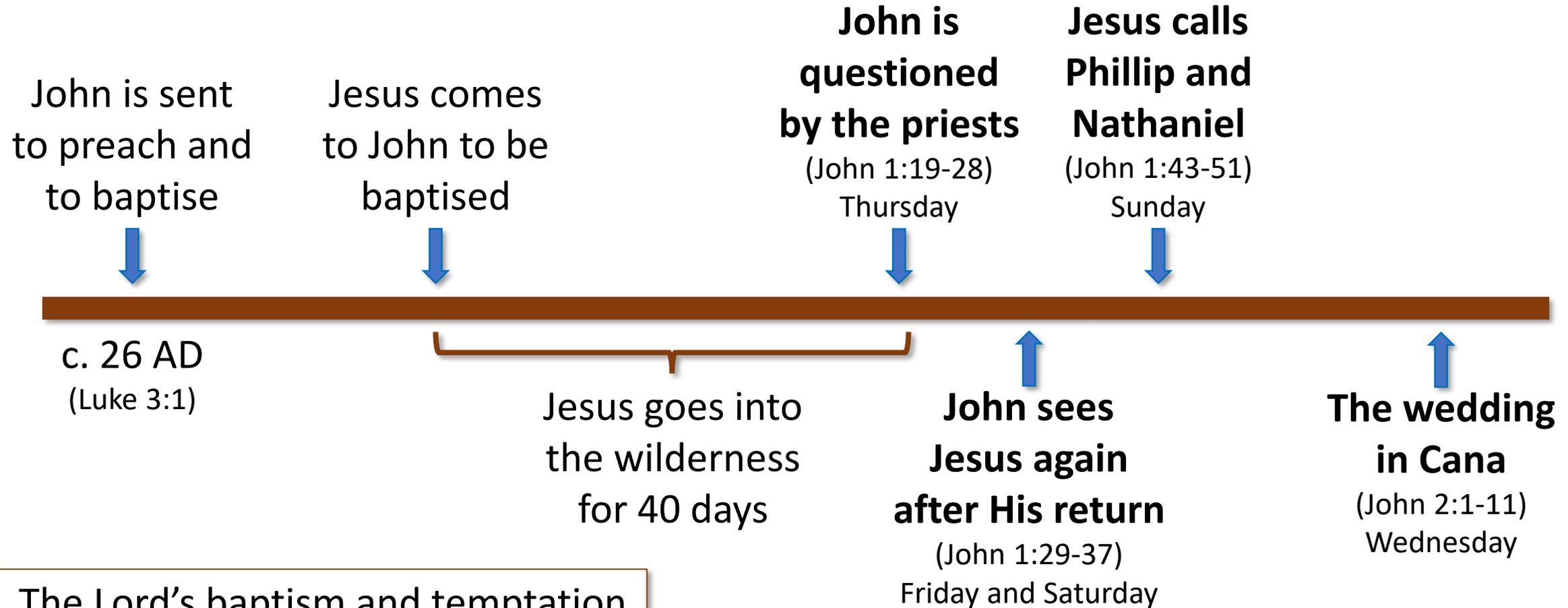
**“I am not the Christ.”**

(John 1:19-20)



# John the Baptist

## The probable sequence of events - not to scale



The Lord's baptism and temptation are not recorded in John's gospel.

# John the Baptist

And they asked him,

*“What then? Are you Elijah?”*

He said, **“I am not.”**



“Behold, I will send you **Elijah the prophet** before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.”

(Malachi 4:5)

*“Are you the Prophet?”*

And he answered, **“No.”**



“I will raise up for them **a prophet** like you from among their brothers. And I will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.”

(Deuteronomy 18:18)

So they said to him,

*“Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us.*

*What do you say about yourself?”*

(John 1:21-22)

# John the Baptist

“I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
*‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’*  
as the prophet Isaiah said.”  
(John 1:23)

A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

(Isaiah 40:3,5)

John 1:14

# John the Baptist

Then why are you baptising,  
if you are neither the Christ,  
nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?

I baptise with water,  
but among you stands One  
you do not know,  
even He who comes after me,  
the strap of whose sandal  
I am not worthy to untie.

(See John 1:25-27)

# John the Baptist

**The next day** he saw Jesus coming toward him,  
and said,

***“Behold, 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 before me,  
because He was before me.’

“I myself did not know Him, but  
for this purpose I came baptising with water,  
that He might be revealed to Israel.”

(John 1:29-31)

# John the Baptist

John is referring  
to His baptism

“I saw the Spirit descend from heaven  
like a dove, and it remained on Him.”

“I myself did not know Him,  
but He who sent me to baptize with water  
said to me,

*‘He on whom you see the Spirit  
descend and remain,  
this is He who baptises  
with the Holy Spirit.’*

“And I have seen and have borne witness  
that **this is the Son of God.**”

(John 1:32-34)



# John the Baptist

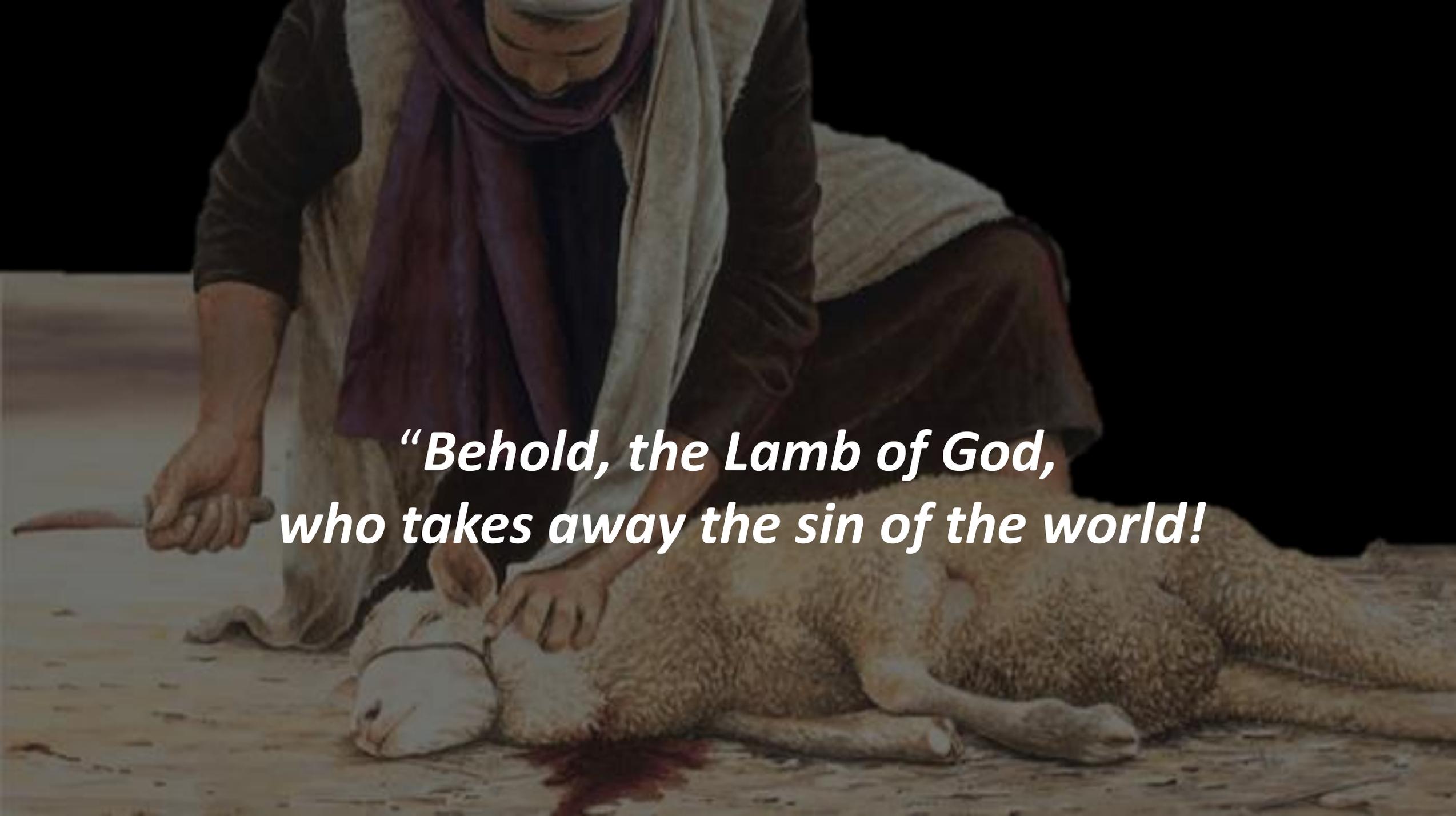
The next day again  
John was standing with two of his disciples,  
and he looked at Jesus as He walked by  
and said,

**“Behold, the Lamb of God!”**

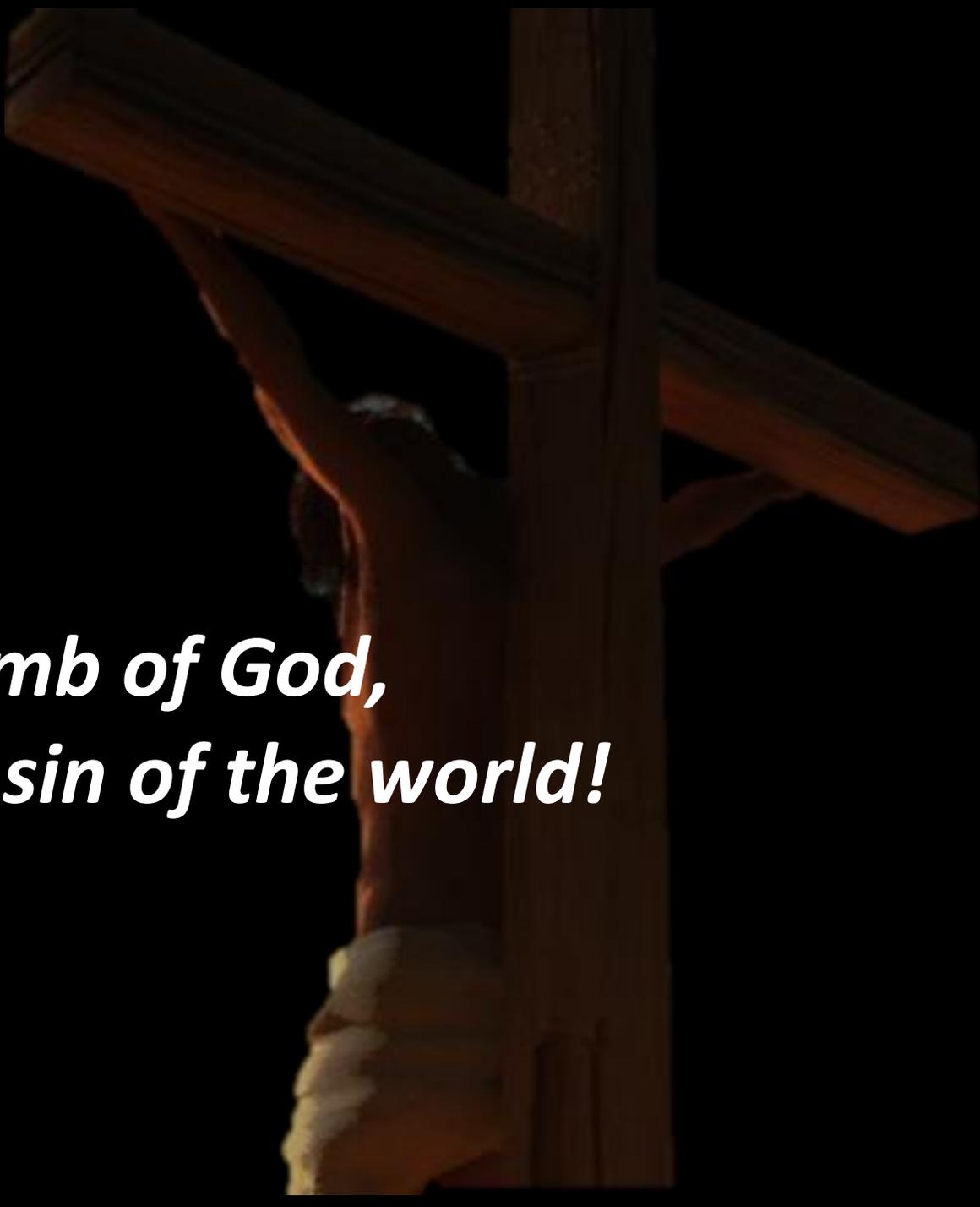
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(John 1:35-37)





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# The first disciples

**“Behold, the Lamb of God!”**

The two disciples heard him [John] say this, and they followed Jesus.

Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, *“What are you seeking?”*

And they said to Him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”

He said to them, *“Come and you will see.”*

So they came and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the 10<sup>th</sup> hour.

(John 1:37-39)

Probably 10am,  
not 4pm



# The first disciples

Who was the other one?

One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was **Andrew**, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother **Simon** and said to him, "**We have found the Messiah**" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are **Simon** the son of John. You shall be called **Cephas**" (which means **Peter**).

(John 1:40-42)

# The first disciples

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee.

He found **Philip** and said to him, “**Follow Me.**”

Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found **Nathanael** and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, **Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.**”

Nathanael said to him, “**Can anything good come out of Nazareth?**”

Philip said to him, “**Come and see.**”

(John 1:43-46)



# The first disciples

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him  
and said of him,

“Behold, an Israelite indeed,  
in whom there is no deceit!”

Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?”

Jesus answered him,

“Before Philip called you,  
when you were under the fig tree,  
I saw you.”

Nathanael answered Him,

“**Rabbi, You are the Son of God!**  
**You are the King of Israel!**”

(John 1:47-49)

# The first disciples

Jesus answered him,

“Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”

And He said to him,

“**Truly, truly, I say to you**, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

(John 1:50-51)

Genesis 28:12-15

# The first disciples

- ✓ John (the author of this gospel)
  - ✓ Andrew
  - ✓ Simon Peter (Andrew's brother)
  - ? James (John's brother)
  - ✓ Phillip
  - ✓ Nathaniel (apparently also called Bartholomew)
- } Disciples of  
John the Baptist

# The wedding in Cana

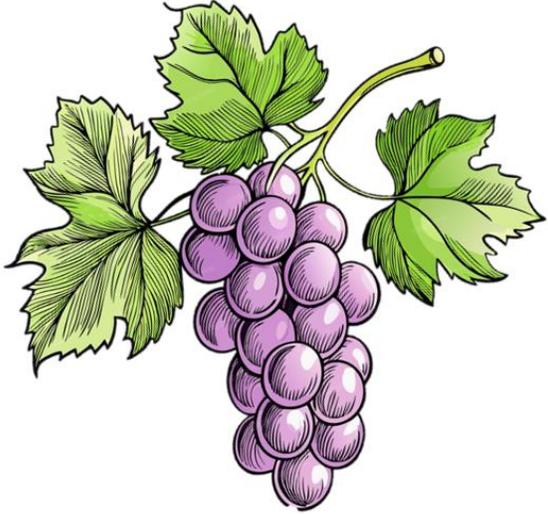
On the third day there was a wedding at **Cana in Galilee**, and the mother of Jesus was there.

Jesus also was invited to the wedding with His disciples.

(John 2:1-2)



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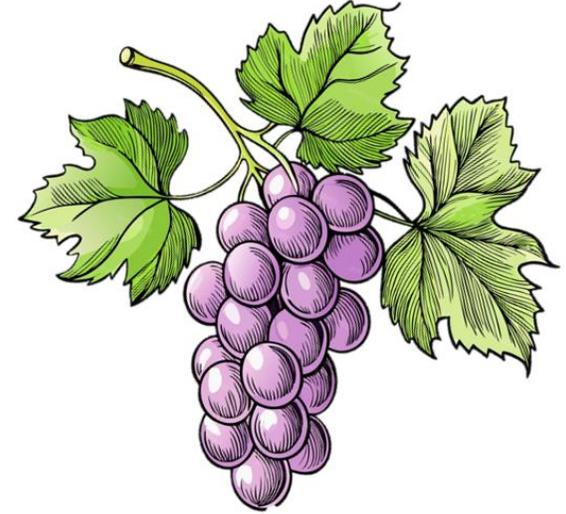


When the wine ran out,  
the mother of Jesus said to Him,  
**“They have no wine.”**

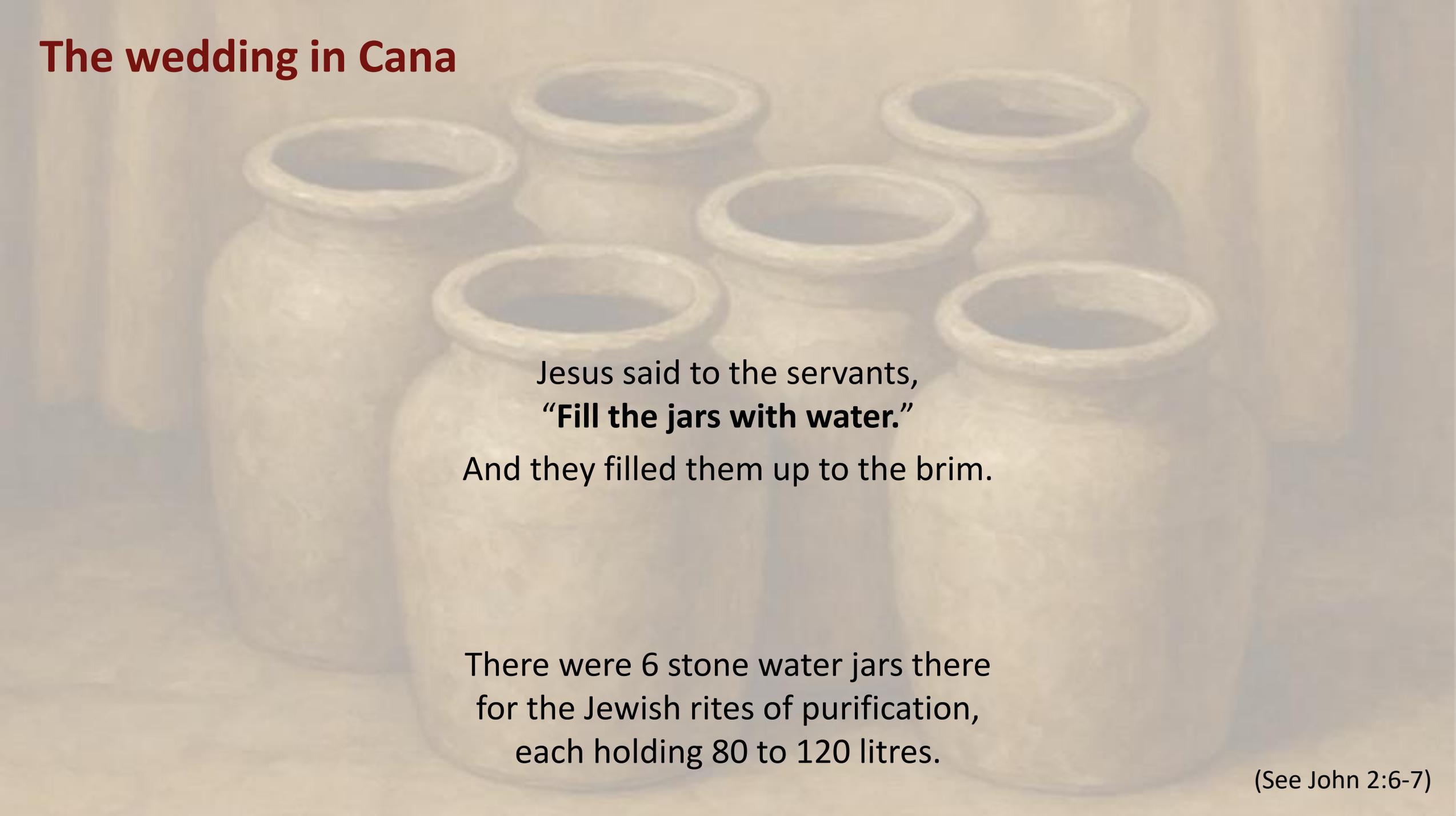
And Jesus said to her,  
“Woman, what does this have to do with Me?  
**My hour has not yet come.”**

His mother said to the servants,  
**“Do whatever He tells you.”**

(John 2:3-5)



# The wedding in Cana

The background of the slide features six large, light-colored stone water jars arranged in a row. The jars are made of rough-hewn stone and have a wide, shallow opening at the top. They are set against a plain, light-colored background.

Jesus said to the servants,  
**“Fill the jars with water.”**

And they filled them up to the brim.

There were 6 stone water jars there  
for the Jewish rites of purification,  
each holding 80 to 120 litres.

(See John 2:6-7)

# The wedding in Cana

**“Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.”**

When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine,  
... [he] called the bridegroom and said to him,

“Everyone serves the good wine first,  
and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine.  
**But you have kept the good wine until now.”**

(John 2:8-10)

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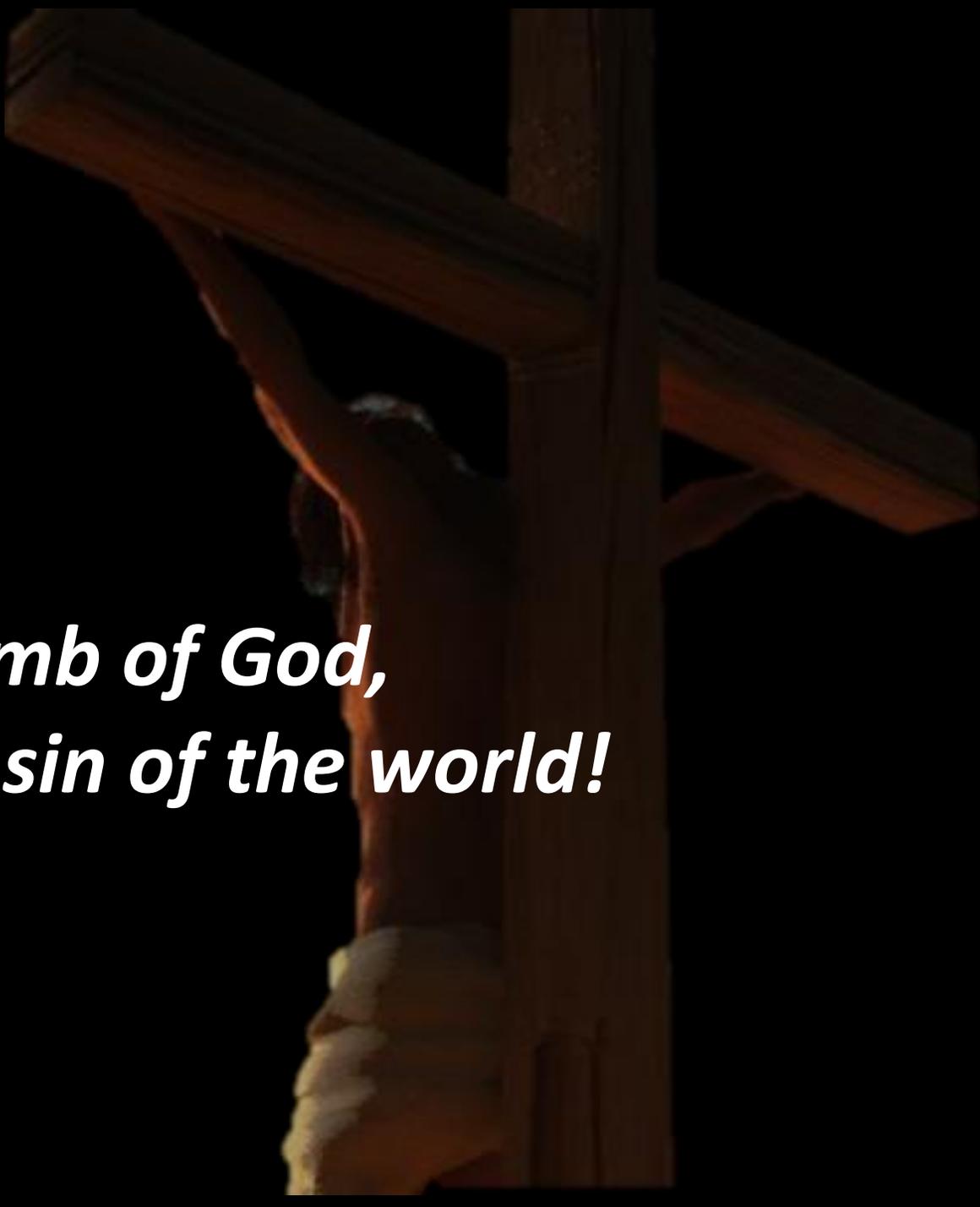
A physical action  
that points to  
spiritual truth

This, the first of His **signs**,  
Jesus did at Cana in Galilee,  
**and manifested His glory.**

John 1:14

And His disciples believed in Him.

(John 2:11)



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