

John and the Cross — notes #1

John 1 ²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (ὁ αἴρων τὴν ἁμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου)! . . . ³⁵ Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. ³⁶ And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!”

John 1 ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ ” . . . ³² And John bore witness, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. ³³ I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

Luke 3 ²¹ When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. ²² And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.”

Leviticus 4 ¹ Now the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘If a soul sins (אֲשׁוּלָהּ עָוְנוֹ – ψυχή ἐὰν ἁμάρτη) against any of the commandments of the Lord in anything which ought not to be done, and does any of them, ³ if the anointed priest sins (אֲשׁוּלָהּ — ἁμάρτη), bringing guilt on the people, then let him offer to the Lord for his sin which he has sinned (אֲשׁוּלָהּ רִשְׁעָהּ אִתָּאֲשׁוּלָהּ — περὶ τῆς ἁμαρτίας αὐτοῦ, ἧς ἥμαρτε) a young bull without blemish as a sin offering (אֲשׁוּלָהּ) — περὶ τῆς ἁμαρτίας).

Isaiah 53 Surely He has borne our [grievous / And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken, / Smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, / He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, / And by His stripes we are healed.
⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; / We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
⁷ He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth;
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,
And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, / So He opened not His mouth.

1 Corinthians 5 ⁷ Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our πάσχα, was sacrificed for us. ⁸ Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

John 19 ¹⁴ Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” . . .

³² Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

³⁵ And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

³⁶ For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, “Not one of His bones shall be broken.”

³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “They shall look on Him whom they pierced.”

Exodus 12 ⁴³ And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “This is the ordinance of the Passover: No foreigner shall eat it. ⁴⁴ But every man’s servant who is bought for money, when you have circumcised him, then he may eat it. ⁴⁵ A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat it. ⁴⁶ In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break one of its bones.