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# COME & SEE

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## **Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**

As we approach Easter 2021, our greatest need is to see Jesus. And we want to call others to behold the One who came to suffer and die in their place. At a time when many are grasping for hope, we want to proclaim boldly that Jesus is the One who has come to seek and save the lost. As the people of God, we want to pray for our own eyes to be opened to see and know Jesus better. And for the lost around us, we want to plead for God to give them eyes to see and hearts to believe that Jesus is the Savior of the world. Each day, we want you to join us in praying that Jesus would be lifted high and that he would draw all men to himself.

### **Day 1: John 1:29–34 (ESV)**

*The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”<sup>32</sup> And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”<sup>33</sup> 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 baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>34</sup> And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”*

Give God thanks today that Jesus came to take away the sins of the world. Thank him for the way he revealed himself to you, giving you eyes to see and believe the saving work of Jesus. Pray that God would use you today to call others to behold the Lamb of God. Ask God to give you boldness to testify to the truth of what Jesus has done for you. Ask God to open the eyes of people all over the Triangle this week as we approach Easter Sunday.

### **Day 2: Matthew 16:16–17 (ESV)**

*Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.”*

Thank God today that he revealed the truth to you that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Pray specifically for those you know who have yet to believe. Ask God to reveal himself to them, giving them

faith to believe in the saving work of Jesus Christ. As you invite neighbors and friends to join you for Easter services, ask God to help you clearly articulate the reason for your hope, the confidence that Jesus is the Son of the living God.

**Day 3: John 14:6–7 (ESV)**

*Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”*

Give thanks today that the glory of God the Father is revealed to us in his Son, Jesus. Rejoice that we know what the Father is like because of Jesus. Ask God to open the eyes of those who have rejected the notion of absolute truth and embraced the lies of the enemy. Pray that God would draw them to himself and awaken them to the truth that Jesus is the only way. Ask God to bring a great awakening to college and high school students. And ask him to use our college ministries in this Easter season to call many to trust in Jesus.

**Day 4: Acts 22:12–15 (ESV)**

*“And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, <sup>13</sup> came to me, and standing by me said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. <sup>14</sup> And he said, ‘The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth; <sup>15</sup> for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard.”*

Thank God that he chose you to see and know him through Jesus Christ and to be his witness in the world. Ask God to lead you to those who need to hear the gospel. Pray that God would reveal himself to many and raise them up to be powerful witnesses to the truth of the gospel. Ask God to save and send many to the nations in the power of the Spirit. As domestic and international church planters celebrate Easter, ask God to move in resurrection power in the lives of those who hear the gospel message for the first time. Pray that our church plants will see many come to faith in Jesus this Easter.

**Day 5: Psalm 27:4 (ESV)**

*One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.*

Ask God to stir your own heart to seek him first, above every other thing. Pray that God would give us a greater longing to know and spend time in his presence. Pray that the next generation would seek to know God and love him more than anything else. Ask God to work through parents and family ministries at the Summit to teach our children to love the Lord their God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. Pray that this Easter the people of God would be captivated by the beauty of Jesus and his sacrificial love.

**Day 6: 2 Corinthians 3:12–18 (ESV)**

*Since we have such a hope, we are very bold,<sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.<sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.<sup>15</sup> Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts.<sup>16</sup> But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.<sup>18</sup> And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

Give thanks today for the work of the Spirit, lifting the veil from your eyes so that you might behold the glory of the Lord. Ask God to continue the work of transformation in you, conforming you to the image of his Son, as you set your eyes on Jesus. Ask God to use your story of transformation to lead others to believe. Pray for those who will attend Easter services this week, asking God to give them eyes to see and ears to hear the truth of the gospel.

**Day 7: 2 Corinthians 4:4–6 (NIV)**

*The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.<sup>5</sup> For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.<sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.*

Remember that you were once in darkness, but Jesus called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light. Express your gratitude and joy for this incredible gift of grace. Give praise to God. Pray for those you know whose minds and hearts are still darkened by the deceitfulness of sin. Ask God to use you to speak the truth of the gospel so that they might truly see the glory of God in the person and work of

Jesus Christ. Pray that God would make his light shine in their hearts and bring them to the knowledge of the truth. Pray that God would use our Easter services, both in-person and online, to cause many who are in darkness to hear and believe the gospel of Jesus.

**Day 8: Revelation 7:9–10 (ESV)**

*After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,<sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”*

Thank God for this promise that one day men from every tribe and tongue and nation will gather around the throne to worship the Lamb of God. Ask God to strengthen those who are serving unreached people groups today. Pray for a movement to Christ among the many nations where Christ is not known. Ask God to empower you today to share the gospel with those around you who are not followers of Jesus and pray that he would open their eyes to see and believe. Pray that the people of God would worship with reckless abandon on Easter Sunday as we anticipate the second coming of Jesus.