

## Look Closely and See

. . . *Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.—John 1:29*

John uses the word “behold” frequently in his writings. It is interwoven throughout the story of Jesus. It is as if John is pointing his finger and saying, “Stop, look closely at this. Don’t miss it.” He wants to make certain the reader gets it. Perhaps he is saying, “Slow down, listen carefully and you will see something amazing. You will see something astonishing. If you will take time right now, you will see Jesus.”

Any time of the year we need to take time to see Jesus, but it is especially fitting these weeks before Easter.

The author of Hebrews wants to make certain that we look closely at what Christ endured for us. Hebrews 12:2: *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

In I John 3:1, John reminds us to look closely at the astonishing love of God. “*Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be call the sons of God.*” He goes on to say, “*therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not.*”

For those of us who know Him, we need to look closely at our Lord and Savior. We need to revisit the astonishing and amazing things He has done for us. We need to stop, look, and appreciate the “*manner of love*” that He bestows on us each day.