

Behold the Lamb 4

What is the nature of the sin of the world, beyond any single act or action, be it by Adam, Eve, or any of us, which the Lamb of God takes away? That was our concluding question last time, in our reflections on the prayer we pray at every Mass: *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.* The most long standing interpretation of the Adam and Eve story says their sin was one of disobedience for how they did something God had told them not to do. In turn, disobedience has been named as our root sin ever since, and that Jesus “takes away” this sin of the world by his obedience to his Father’s will, even to the point of death. A deeper level of interpretation sees *the sin of the world* not just as an act or attitude of disobedience, but as *fear*, the fear we feel in the face of our fragile and vulnerable human nature. We are created in the image and likeness of God, but we are not God, and so are not in control of our lives. Nothing can fill us with fear like being out of control.

Please let us know what else about our faith tradition you'd like to find out more about.
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