

THAT YOU MAY KNOW

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John 1:29-42
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The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" - John 1:29

I. BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD!

- Jesus came to John to be baptized (Matt. 3:13-17).
- Jesus is the sacrificial lamb. He came to take away our sin (Gen. 22:8; Isa. 53:7; Jer. 11:19; 1 Cor. 5:7; 1 John 2:2).
- John "did not recognize" Jesus. Likely his messianic role, not who he was, for they were cousins. Again, John testifies to his role as Jesus' herald (Vss. 30-34; Luke 1:36).
- John testifies again to Jesus' identity. He baptizes with the Holy Spirit. He is the Son of God (Vss. 33-34; Matt. 3:11; Acts 1:5).

II. AN INAUGURATED MINISTRY

- John testified to Jesus, and he also inaugurated his ministry by baptizing him and pointing others to him.
- Once again, John testifies to Jesus, and loses two of his own disciples to him (Vss. 35-36; John 3:30).
- Andrew, a past disciple of John and a soon to be disciple of Jesus, immediately shares the good news with his brother Simon (Vss. 37-42).
- When Simon is introduced to Jesus, his name is changed to *Cephas* (Aramaic) or *Peter* (Greek). He names Peter for what he will be, not for who he currently is (Matt. 16:13-19; John 18:10, 17, 21:15-17).

KNOW: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. The Lamb came on a mission, and that mission was inaugurated by John the Baptist. It is a mission of proclaiming the good news, and sealing that news with a great sacrificial act.

DO: Receive the baptism of the Spirit. It is a gift from the Lamb of God.

Suggested Reading:

Can We Trust the Gospels? By Peter J. Williams (LifePoint Library #239 WIL).

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read John 1:29-42

1. Why did Jesus come to John? What is the significance of his coming to him?
2. John declares Jesus to be "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." What does he mean by that?
3. What does it mean to you that Jesus came to take away your sins?
4. Why does God/Jesus change people's names occasionally?
5. Why does John not seem to be bothered by his disciples leaving him and joining themselves to Jesus? What can that teach us about humility and being on mission for God?
6. What are some application points for you from this message/passage?