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John 1:29 - *"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."*

- A. Jesus is the Lamb of God (**Isaiah 53:7**, **John 1:36**, and **Revelation 5:11-13**).
 - 1. Where would we be without the blood of the Lamb (**I Peter 1:18-19**)?
 - 2. Unlike animal sacrifices, the sacrifice of Christ (cf. **Ephesians 5:2**) was a sacrifice wherein the Lamb was a willing participant (**John 10:17-18**).
- B. The sacrifice of Christ was for the whole world (**John 3:17** and **I John 2:2**).
 - 1. The death of Christ did not purify the world (**Galatians 1:4** and **I John 5:19**).
 - 2. The death of Christ did not make everyone saved. We are responsible for our salvation (**Acts 2:40**, **Philippians 2:12**, and **Revelation 22:14; 17**).

John 1:30-31 - *"(30) This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. (31) And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water."*

- A. "After me..." continues John's message that the work of Christ was to follow his work (**John 1:15; 1:27** and **Acts 13:25**).
 - 1. John realized he had to decrease for the work of Christ to begin (**John 3:28-30**).
 - 2. John did not know Christ, which shows their work was certainly separate (**Matthew 11:2-6**).
 - a. John prepared the way (**Matthew 3:1-3; 11:7-13**).
 - b. Christ is the way (**John 14:6** and **Romans 5:1-2**).
 - 3. John's baptism was a baptism of preparation (**Mark 1:4** and **Acts 19:1-7**).
- B. He was to be made manifest to Israel for God had not forsaken His people (**Romans 9:24-29; 11:26** and **Luke 19:9-10**).
 - 1. The work of Christ went to the Jews first (**Romans 1:16**) both in His life (**Matthew 10:5-7**) and after His death (**Luke 24:47**).
 - 2. Though He made himself known in Israel, they chose not to see Him (**Acts 13:26-29**).

John 1:32-34 - *"(32) And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. (33) And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. (34) And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."*

- A. John saw the Spirit descend on Christ as evidence of who Christ was (**Luke 3:21-22**).
1. In times past, the Spirit of God signified those of God (**Ephesians 1:13**).
 2. The same sign was used to show the acceptance of Gentiles into the kingdom (**Acts 10:44-11:18**).
 3. Holy Spirit baptism has ceased (**Ephesians 4:5** and **I Peter 3:20-21**).
- B. John did bare record of what he saw (**John 3:25; 27; 33-36**).
1. Consider the phrase “bear record” as discussed in the Bible (**John 1:32, John 1:34, John 12:17, John 19:35, and Revelation 1:2**).
 2. What of those who refuse to confess Christ once they know Him (**Matthew 10:32-33, Luke 12:8-9, I John 4:15, and II John 7**)?
 3. John certainly took an unpopular stand in bearing record of Christ (**John 9:22; 12:42**).