

John Chapter 1

Part 2

Verse 29 “The next day....” Parallel to Genesis. Jesus is the Lamb of God. Sacrifice. Blood Atonement to reconcile man and God. Isaiah 53:7- led to slaughter. A lamb was sacrificed twice a day every day in the Temple-example of Christ being the Eternal Sacrifice- neverending. Continuous Sacrifice. Also prefigured in the Passover lamb.

John the Baptist preached repentance – now this was the means of forgiveness and grace. It is a continuous act; for all sins.

We have to *behold* Him. Know Him and understand what He does for us.

John the Baptist as the last prophet points out Messiah physically.

V31: John does not know Him. John was to reveal Him to Israel; that is why he came baptizing. John knew that Jesus would come and be manifested. We also know things by faith.

V 32-34: John had knowledge that he would see the Spirit descend like a dove and rest on Messiah. John had not known Him but the dove (Spirit) was the sign. John also *knew* that he had been sent. Also knew that He was the Son of God.

V35: the next day. John points Him out to two of his disciples. Greek means fixed his eyes on Him. Showed 2 other people Jesus. If we lead others to Christ, we have to contemplate Him all the time. John gives the same testimony. Consistent like Paul. It is all about Him, not about us.

V37: 2 of John’s disciples go to Jesus. One was Andrew. The other one is unknown; ? John- who always conceals his name. Left because of what they heard from John the Baptist. They had heard the same message about Him the day before.

V 38 : Jesus turns and acknowledges them following; as He always will. He spoke first. What do people seek when they want to follow Christ?

They call Him “Rabbi.” Indicates that they know He is a teacher and they want to spend time with Him. They heard John say He was the Lamb of God but He is also Teacher.

V39: Come and see. Come and spend time. Come and see the conditions. He wants them to come right then. No time to waste.

Andrew goes and gets his brother, Peter. Tells him that this the Messiah. They had found something of great value. Wanted to tell others. Knew this was different than John the Baptist.

Fullness of time. Andrew had heard that this was the Lamb of God and the Son of God and then spent some time with Him. Realizes now that He is the Promise of the ages. Brings Simon to Jesus. Come and see. Andrew does not teach Peter about Jesus; he takes him to Jesus.

Jesus knows his name and his father's name. Jesus then renames him.

Andrew is excited after spending a short time with Jesus. He *first* found his own brother. Implies that he found others also.

V43- the next day. Jesus calls Philip. Calls him directly. He finds us; sometimes even if we are not looking for Him. He knew where Philip was. Jesus calls disciples slowly; 1 or 2 per day.

V45: Philip goes to Nathanael. A short time after meeting Jesus, Philip is evangelizing. He understands that Jesus is spoken of in Moses and the prophets. Philip knew the Scriptures and understood the pre-figurations of what they said about Messiah.

V46: Nathanael's comment. Cautious? Not from Judah/Bethlehem? Critical? Come and see. Then he will understand. Also means that Philip was going back to Jesus.

V47: Jesus excuses the mean comment. A true Israelite; no deceit. Jesus knew Nathanael's heart and mission. A sincere follower (true Israel.) Jesus does not say Nathanael has no sin or no guilt.

V48; Nathanael is surprised. Why would He know me. Doesn't mention the compliment Jesus gave him. He knows us better than we know ourselves. Jesus shows that he knows Nathanael. Divinity. Knew that he would call him. Means that He knew a private thing about Nathanael. Would have meant a lot to Nathanael and not to the others. Fig was a sign of quiet prayer and composure.

V49: Nathanael makes a profession of faith. Proclaims with his mouth. Proclaims Him to be Teacher(Rabbi), Son of God, King of Israel (coming Son of David.)

V50: Jesus seems almost surprised. Nathanael's heart was prepared beforehand. You will see much greater things than this. Nathanael will have a Divine mission. He will see miracles and the Resurrection.

V51: Angels ascending and descending of the Son of Man. Gen 28:12.

