

**FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE**

1.) vs 29 The declaration “*Behold, the Lamb of God*” is the **HIGHPOINT** of John’s witness to the world. It is within this clear statement we see that God the Father is about to **PROVIDE A LAMB** for the sin of the world.

2.) John has been telling the Israelites the Messiah is coming, even though he’s not known the identity for certain. - He may have had his suspicions, but he does not have absolute proof. The absolute **PROOF** comes at the baptism of Jesus.

3.) The next clear “brush stroke” we see of God *through Jesus* is as a **SACRIFICIAL LAMB** ready to take away our sin.

4.) vs 32 All the Gospel books (Mt, Mk, Lk, & John) speak clearly of the specific event of the Holy Spirit descending like a dove and remaining upon Jesus. The Phenomena of the descent of the Spirit and the voice from heaven identified Jesus unmistakably as the predicted Messiah.

5) vs 34 As a result of what John **WITNESSES**, he now knows for certain who the Messiah is and from this point on he **POINTS DIRECTLY** to Jesus.

6.) In vs 37 we see John has done **PRECISELY** what he’s been called to do- prepare men to follow the Messiah. Even without knowing for sure the outcome, he **OBEYED** God and did exactly what he was told to do.

7.) vs 38 The question Jesus ask is encouraging them to **VERBALIZE** what they want from Him and crystallize just what they are looking for. The Lord asks the question to **CHALLENGE** them to consider their motives.

8.) vs 39-41 While there is no record of what Jesus discussed with Andrew and John, it’s clear they **CONCLUDED** he was the Messiah also.

9.) vs 42 Jesus’ **PENETRATING**, omniscient vision saw not merely Simon, but the man He would **SHAPE** him into.

10.) vs 42 When God gives a new name to someone it reflects His sovereign purpose in changing **THE DESTINY** of the one whose name He has changed.

**GREEK WORDS USED TODAY**

**Akoloutheo** [ak-ol-oo-theh'-o] to *be in the same path with*, to accompany (as a disciple):- follow

**Emblepo** [em-blep'-o] to *observe* fixedly, or (absolute) to *discern* clearly :- behold, gaze up

**FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**

\***A portrait stroke-** In verse 39 we see evidence that Jesus never puts off sincere seekers, he’s never too busy to show compassion. A consistent characteristic of God’s nature is that of receiving those who are desperate to see Him.

*\*“Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house” Lk 19:5*

\***Another portrait stroke-** GOD sees YOU, GOD knows YOU, and God names you- and gives you a new start. Who has the right to name someone? Only your parent can name you; it’s the right of your loving heavenly father to give you a new identity.

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name...

John 1:12

How can you apply the principles of these truths this week?

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