

## 1:29-34<sup>1</sup>

**The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him** there is no reason to assume this is Jesus' baptism, for the next verse seems to say that the baptism was previous to verse 29. **and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God** This theme begins at least as early as Genesis 22:8 (Abraham was prophetically correct even if he didn't mean to be; really, only Moses was the one, humanly speaking, who had to know what is going on); then Exodus 12:3; then Isaiah 53:6-12 [we have talk there of the shepherd dying for sheep and a lamb bearing the sins of many (this is quoted/discussed in Acts 8:37)]. It then continues through 1 Peter 1:19 and Revelation 5:6 (all the **Lamb** symbology there is built off John's usage of **Lamb** here).. **who takes away the sin of the world!** Now, did He or not? If so, we see that the seeming "limited atonement" of 1 Corinthians 15:1-3, Galatians 1:4, and Revelation 1:5 is simply specific to the Christians when Paul speaks to Christians. If He in fact did do this, then, the question is when did this **Lamb** do this? Since the world is the Lord's (Psalm 24:1) and since Exodus 12:3 speaks that the Father performs the sacrifice for his house, we can be glad that this **world** is our Father's house and He has smeared away our sins, our wrath, our guilt in His **Lamb's** blood. We can furthermore expect that this **Lamb** will die on the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month in keeping with Exodus 12:6,<sup>2</sup> and carried out thusly (John 19:14). **who takes away the sin of the world!** This is a fact of history. It is so factual that the response, if understood personally, will prompt belief. John 3:18 speaks heavily on this separating the condemned from the un-condemned with one factor: belief or unbelief. Those who are condemned had their **sins taken away**. Judicially, the **sin** problem is solved. However, this requires belief for actualization. Revelation 17:8 shows us that those who will believe are already in the book of Life.

If we make this the other form of possession, this becomes "**God's Lamb** for the **world's sin**."

**30 This is He** The 2<sup>nd</sup> **this is** declaration. He is the Lamb (1:29) and He is the Word (1:1-3). **He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'**

**31 I did not know Him** They were related so we are talking about two senses of **knowing** just like in John 1:10. John the Baptist did not know Him as the Savior prior to this (just as seen in 1:10-11). If John 7:5 shows his brothers disbelieving, then maybe cousin John didn't believe until a certain time either. **but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water."** **32 And John bore witness, saying,** From this we can assume that maybe nobody else saw it except **John** and that the only reason any of the Gospel writers contain this is because they heard it, directly or indirectly, from **John**. **"I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.** We can rightly ascertain that the Son was sent because the **Spirit** descended. We should assume, then, that the disciples were sent when they received the **Spirit** (20:21).<sup>3</sup> **33 I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him,**

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<sup>1</sup>See also under 1:14 & 1:19-28; See also my commentary on Matthew (3:13-17) & Luke (3:22).

<sup>2</sup>This requires a Monday "Palm Sunday" (the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month) beginning at Sundown Sunday [the 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> Thursday, and 14<sup>th</sup> Friday which will end at Sundown Friday (before which Jesus was confirmed dead)].

<sup>3</sup>So are we who have believed their words (17:20).

**this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.**’ John the Baptist’s baptism with water, then, was a picture of Jesus’ own baptism **with the Holy Spirit**. It seems, then, that water baptism is a picture of what takes place in the heart even for the believer of this age (Titus 3:5). **34 And I have seen and testified that this is the "Son of God."**

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<sup>u</sup> Ps. 2:7; Luke 1:35; John 11:27