

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

John 1:29-34

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. If someone asked you what Lamb of God meant, what might you say?

In the Old Testament, the Jews sacrificed animals to worship God and some of their sacrifices pointed to the fact that God would someday send the ultimate sacrifice, His Only Son, to die as a sacrifice and substitute for the death sinners deserve for their sins. Jesus was the Lamb of God that God offered so He could be just and uphold His law of love and also be merciful when forgiving us for our sins.

2 What did John say the Lamb of God would do?

Take away the sins of the world and baptize with the Holy Spirit.

3. How did John the Baptist know that Jesus was the Lamb of God?

God told him what he would see and he saw it when the Holy Spirit descended and remained on Jesus.

4. In addition to Jesus being the Lamb of God, who else did John say Jesus is?

The Son of God.

5. What are some of the ways Jesus, who is the Son of God and the Lamb of God, takes away the sin of the world?

By dying on the cross as a substitute for sinners, Jesus wins our love and we can have God's power to sin less and less through the work of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit in our lives, which is a process called sanctification. Under the kingship of Jesus our Lord and through the leading and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we can resist the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. When Jesus comes again, He will remove all evil and sin from the world, and He will separate His sheep from the goats.

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