



International Bible Lesson

International Bible Study Commentary

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Jesus the Lamb of God

John 1:24-34

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. (John 1:29—KJV)

The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29—NASB)

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29—NRSV)

When the Pharisees sent some priests to find out why John the Baptist was preaching and baptizing in the wilderness, they asked him if he was the Messiah. John confessed he was not the Messiah. When John saw Jesus coming toward him, he did not point out to people that Jesus was the long-expected Messiah (which Jesus was). Rather, John declared that Jesus is the Lamb of God. The Lamb of God is the Sacrifice of God. God the Father sacrificed His only Son to save us from the eternal consequences of our sins. Pointing toward Jesus, on Passover the Israelites in Egypt sacrificed a lamb and smeared the doorposts of their homes with its blood so God would pass over them and save them from slavery in Egypt. Jesus came as the Sacrifice of God so God could justly save people from slavery to sin and fear of death. Currently, the Lamb of God takes away the sin of the world one believer at a time. As people receive Jesus and believe in Him as their Lord and Savior, they sin less, because Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to cleanse them, fill them, and lead them according to the Bible's teachings. So, when God's children need guidance, they ask the Holy Spirit to give them the wisdom and power to

say and do the right thing. We learn more about the Lamb of God in the Book of Revelation, and when God's time comes, the Lamb will come as King of kings and take away all the sin of the world.

Thinking Further

1. If someone asked you what Lamb of God meant, what might you say?
2. What did John say the Lamb of God would do?
3. How did John the Baptist know that Jesus was the Lamb of God?
4. In addition to Jesus being the Lamb of God, who else did John say Jesus is?
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?

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