

 Bible Study Lesson: Behold the Lamb of God - 02052026

 Focal Scripture (NIV – John 1:29–34)

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

30 This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’

31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

32 Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.

33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’

34 I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

 Lesson Objectives

- Understand John’s testimony about Jesus as the Lamb of God.
- Recognize the significance of Jesus’ baptism and the Spirit’s descent.
- Reflect on the meaning of Jesus baptizing with the Holy Spirit.
- Learn how John’s witness prepares us to follow Christ faithfully.
- Connect this passage to baptism, discipleship, and communion in the Sunday School lessons.

 Verse Breakdown and Insights

- Verse 29: Jesus is identified as the Lamb of God—echoing sacrificial imagery from Passover and Isaiah 53. He takes away the sin of the world, not just Israel.
- Verse 30: John acknowledges Jesus’ eternal preexistence and superiority.
- Verse 31: John’s baptism was preparatory, pointing to the revelation of Christ.
- Verse 32: The Spirit’s descent and remaining on Jesus confirm His divine mission.
- Verse 33: Jesus’ baptism with the Holy Spirit contrasts with John’s water baptism—Jesus brings transformation and new life.
- Verse 34: John testifies that Jesus is God’s Chosen One—the Messiah.

Discussion Questions

1. Why does John call Jesus “the Lamb of God”?
2. How does Jesus surpass John, even though He came after him?
3. What is the significance of the Spirit descending and remaining on Jesus?
4. How does Jesus’ baptism with the Holy Spirit differ from John’s baptism with water?
5. How can we bear witness to Jesus as John did?

Memory Verse

John 1:29 (NIV): **29** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

Why This Lesson Prepares Us for Matthew 3:13–17, Matthew 28:19–20, and 1 Corinthians 11:23–29

- Matthew 3:13–17: Jesus’ baptism fulfills righteousness and is confirmed by the Spirit—directly connected to John’s testimony in John 1.
- Matthew 28:19–20: The Great Commission calls us to baptize and teach—Jesus’ baptism with the Spirit empowers this mission.
- 1 Corinthians 11:23–29: Communion reminds us of Christ’s sacrifice as the Lamb of God—John’s declaration points to this truth.
- Together, these passages highlight Jesus’ identity, mission, and the practices of baptism and communion that shape Christian discipleship.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for revealing Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away our sins. Thank You for the witness of John and the confirmation of the Spirit. Help us to live as faithful disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and to proclaim Christ as Your Chosen One. Prepare our hearts for baptism, communion, and the mission You have given us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Fill-in-the-Blank Worksheet (Participant Version)

Bible Study Worksheet: John 1:29–34 (NIV)

Focus Scripture

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Verse Breakdown

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- Verse 31: John’s baptism was _____, pointing to Christ.
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Discussion Questions

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3. How does Jesus’ baptism with the _____ differ from John’s baptism with water?

Memory Verse

Fill in the blanks:

“Look, the _____ of God, who takes away the _____ of the world!” (John 1:29)

Connection to Matthew & 1 Corinthians

- Matthew 3: Jesus' _____ fulfills righteousness and is confirmed by the Spirit.
- Matthew 28: The Great _____ calls us to baptize and teach.
- 1 Corinthians 11: Communion reminds us of Christ's _____ as the Lamb of God.