

The Lamb And The Call: John 1:29-51.

1. (29-34) Jesus, The Lamb.

From the very start of His ministry, Jesus is greeted with His blood-shedding, innocent and sacrificial death on the Cross, the Lamb.

Genesis 22:7-8 - *But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering."*

Exodus 12 – *Passover Lamb whose blood was shed for protection from death.*

Revelation 5:12 - ...*"Worthy is **the Lamb** who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honour and glory and blessing!"*

God gave "John the Baptist/witness" the sure sign to know the Messiah. He would be the one on Whom the Holy Spirit descended upon from heaven.

2. The Call (35-59).

- i. Testimony – 35-39. John and Andrew hear that He is the Lamb and they followed Him; he even remembered the exact hour that he met Jesus.
- ii. Invitation – 40-42. It's natural to share whatever you enjoy, like wise when we enjoy Jesus will invite others to enjoy Him. Peter joins the team.
- iii. Jesus Himself – 43-44. There is nothing dramatic recorded about the call of Philip. Jesus simply says "Follow Me," and Philip does.
- iv. Sceptics - 45-51. Instead of arguing against Nathanael's prejudice and doubt, Phillip simply invites him to meet Jesus for himself. When Nathanael comes to understand that Jesus is the mediator between God and man, it will be an even greater sign.

Luke 9:23 - *Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*

Mathew 4:19 - ...*"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

Mathew 11:28-30 - *"Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*