



January 18, Come and See John 1:29–42

Every journey of faith begins with a moment of recognition. It begins when someone points beyond themselves and says, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

In this passage, we encounter the first public testimonies about Jesus—who He is, why He came, and how people first began to follow Him. John’s Gospel shows us that faith does not begin with arguments or explanations, but with seeing Jesus clearly.

When John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching, he proclaims,
“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

These words are not spoken lightly. They are rich with meaning. The image of the Lamb takes us back to the Passover, when the blood of a lamb brought deliverance to Israel. It also points to the sacrificial system, where a lamb bore the sins of the people. By using this title, John is declaring that Jesus is the final and sufficient sacrifice. No more animals would be needed. No more repeated offerings. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Jesus did not come merely to teach, inspire, or perform miracles. He came to deal with sin—not to excuse it, not to ignore it, but to take it away.

And notice this: He takes away the sin of the world. Not just Israel. Not just the religious. Not just those who already believe—but all people.

Jesus Himself confirms this in John 10:16:

“I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, there will be one flock and one shepherd.”

Before we can truly follow Jesus, people of God, we must first behold Him for who He is.

John the Baptist testifies that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus like a dove and remain on Him. This reveals that Jesus is the Son of God, the Chosen One, and that His ministry is empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Why do we come to Jesus?

Not because we are wiser or more deserving than others, but because God opens our spiritual eyes.

John the Baptist understood his role clearly. He was not gathering followers for himself; he was pointing people to Christ. That calling remains true for every believer and every preacher today.

The next day, John again pointed to Jesus. This time, two of his disciples heard him say, “Look, the Lamb of God,” and they followed Jesus.

Jesus turned and asked them, “What are you looking for?”

That question still confronts us today. What are we truly seeking? A relationship with Christ? Truth? Peace? Love? Forgiveness?

The disciples did not answer directly. Instead, they asked, “Rabbi, where are you staying?”

Jesus simply replied, “Come and see.”

He did not lecture them. He did not test their theology. He invited them into relationship. “Come and see.” Christianity is not just about knowing information about Jesus—it is about abiding with Him.

One day with Jesus changed everything. Those who stayed with Him became witnesses. Andrew, one of the two, went and found his brother and told him about the Messiah. He did not preach a sermon; he simply brought him to Jesus. That is evangelism.

We do not need all the answers. We only need to point people to Christ, extend grace, and create space for Jesus to do the transforming work.

Jesus sees not only who we are, but who we are becoming. Grace meets us where we are, and transformation begins when we encounter Jesus.

This passage invites us to three responses:

- **Behold** Jesus as the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.
- **Come and see**—enter into a personal, abiding relationship with Jesus.
- **Go and tell**—bring others to meet the Lamb of God (evangelism).

Faith is not inherited, assumed, or secondhand. It begins when someone points and says, “There is Jesus.” “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

People of God, our faith grows stronger when we respond to Jesus’ invitation:
“Come and see.”

Amen.

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