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30. “This is He on behalf of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.’

31. “I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water.”

32. John testified saying, “I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him.

33. “I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, ‘He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.’

34. “I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

Commentary:

John 1:29, The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

I. Jesus came to John the day following and John declared him to be the “Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.”

A. The events occurred at a most opportune time.

B. The sacrificial lamb was central in Old Testament worship and, through the sacrifice of Christ, in the New Testament as well.

C. The Apostle John forever remembered this day. Before he had followed John. Afterward he followed Christ.

II. Jesus came to take away the sins of the world.

A. The **prime** reason for the coming of Christ was not to improve economic conditions, political conditions, agriculture, and such, but to save the world from sin!

B. These other things hopefully will be improved as a result of Christ's teaching, but his primary job was to save the souls of mankind!

III. Sin is the worst enemy mankind can possibly have!

A. 1 Timothy 1:15, It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.

B. 1 Timothy 2:6, Who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.

C. 1 Corinthians 6:20, For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

D. 1 Peter 1:18, 19, Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

John 1:30, "This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'"

I. John was six months older than Jesus.

II. Christ's ministry was to come after John's ministry. One would decline and the other grow.

III. Jesus was before John in regard to his eternal existence. (John 1:15).

John 1:31, "I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water."

I. John and Jesus were cousins, but as they grew toward maturity John did not know that Jesus was the Messiah.

II. John did know that the Messiah would soon appear.

III. The following verses tell how John became convinced of the deity of Jesus.

John 1:32, 33, John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.'"

I. John, at the baptism of Jesus, saw the Spirit descending in the form of a dove and lighting on Jesus.

II. God had revealed to John that the One on which he saw the Spirit descending and abiding would be the One who would baptize in the Holy Spirit.

A. Matthew 3:13-17, Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him. But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answering said to him "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him. After being baptized, Jesus came up

immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

John 1:34, "I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."

I. John declared that what he had seen (the Spirit descending in the form of a dove) and the voice from heaven attesting to the divinity of Jesus were proof that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah.

II. It was this claim by Jesus himself that led to his death.

III. John 19:6, 7, So when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out saying, "Crucify, crucify!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out to be the Son of God."

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Questions

1. John saw Jesus and said, "Behold, the _____ of _____ who takes away the _____ of the _____."

2. God had told John, "He upon whom you see the _____ and _____ upon him, this is the one who _____ in the _____."

3. John said, "_____ have seen and have _____ that this is the _____ of _____."

4. The prime reason Jesus came into the world was not to improve _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____ such, but to _____ the _____ from _____.

5. These other things would be _____ as a result of _____, _____, but his primary _____ was to _____ the _____ of _____.

6. _____ is the _____ _____ can possible have!

7. _____ than I, for he _____ me."

8. How did Jesus exist before John when John was six months older than Jesus? _____

9. John _____ that Jesus was the _____
of _____.

10. Jesus was crucified because he made Himself out to be the _____
of _____.

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