

Morning Worship - May 18, 2013
John 1:30-34, The Spirit Remained on Him

1. Introduction - Read John 1:29-34

- a. Our first look at this passage focused on the one phrase, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."
- b. We looked at some passages of Scripture: Suffering servant of Isaiah 53, passover lamb of Exodus 12, the perpetual lamb of Exodus 29, The Triumphant Lamb of Revelation & Abrahamic Lamb of Gen 22.
- c. There is another interesting theme presented here - if we look closely, chapter one is sectioned into days.
 - i. Verses 1-18 - Eternity past
 - ii. Verses 19-28 - Day 1 - Pharisees investigate John the Baptist-OT
 - iii. Verses 29-34 - Day 2 - Jesus presented as Lamb of God
 - iv. Verses 35-42 - Day 3 - Jesus calls his first disciples-NT
- d. This section contains interesting repetition:
 - i. John repeats verse 15 in verse 30 -15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")
 - ii. John emphasizes twice that the Baptist, "did not know him."
 - iii. John emphasizes twice that the Baptist, "Baptizes with water."

2. Vs. 20 He emphasizes his in proclaiming Christ

- a. [Verse 15 is repeated here] **30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him [repeated again in 33], but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.**
 - i. **After me comes a man [historical Jesus]** - first time John uses this term - he identifies Christ as a human being - this man, ranks before me.
 - ii. **who ranks before me [Royal Jesus]** - Jesus is superior to John in authority
 - iii. **because he was before me [pre-existent Jesus]** - meaning in eternity past, Christ existed before John the Baptist. John the Baptist was not pre-existent, but Christ was with God and the Spirit in the Trinity.
- b. **31 I myself did not know him [repeated again in 33], but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.**

- i. **I myself did not know him** - this was important for John to say, as we mentioned already, the people would have known the story of Jesus' scandalous birth and would have know of John's birth and most likely would have probably favored John being the Messiah, as his life was probably not viewed as quite as scandalous as Christ's.

c. For this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel...Ezk 36:35-27

3. Vs. 32-33 God to John and Baptized Jesus with the

- a. **32 And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'**

- b. Jesus was revealed to John in three ways: the Spirit descended like a dove, the Spirit remained on Him and God spoke audibly to John.

c. The Spirit descended from heaven like a dove

- i. **Isaiah 11:1 -2** And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him
- ii. **Isaiah 42:1 - 1** Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him;
- iii. **Isaiah 61:1 - 1** The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound

d. The Spirit remained on Him

- i. This was important because until now, the Holy Spirit only descended or appeared at certain times for certain reasons on key people - Book of Numbers on Moses and the 70 elders, and Balaam in Numbers 24... Samson in Jdg 13:25, 15:14 and Saul in 1 Sa. 10:6, 19:23.
- ii. We still experience this reality today as believers - Ephesians 4

e. God spoke to John - "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit."

- a. **Luke 3:21-22** -Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

4. Vs 34 This testimony is in the of John the Baptist

- a. **34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."**