

The Testimony of Three or Four Witnesses (John 1:29-51)

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Introduction

John Testifies: Jesus Is the Lamb of God (1:29-34)

²⁹ On 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 He is the *One* about whom I said: ‘After me comes a man who outranks me, because He was before me.’

³¹ Yet I did not recognize Him, but I came baptizing in water for this reason: that He should be revealed to Israel.”

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

³³ “Yet I did not recognize Him, but— He who sent me to baptize in water— He told me, ‘Upon whomever you see the Spirit coming down and remaining on Him— this is He who baptizes by *the* Holy Spirit.’

³⁴ “So I have both seen and have testified that this is the Son of God!”

John Testifies Again: Jesus Is the Lamb of God (1:35-42)

¹³⁵ Again on the next day John and two of his disciples stood.

³⁶ And seeing Jesus walking, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷ So those two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸ Now upon turning and seeing them following Him, Jesus said, “What do you • seek?” And they told Him, “Rabbi (which when translated, means Teacher), where are you staying?”

³⁹ He told them, “Come • and see •.” They went, saw where He was staying, and stayed with Him that day. It was about four p.m.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus.

41 He was first to find his own brother, Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah!" (which is translated Christ).

42 And he took him to Jesus. Jesus, seeing him, said, "You are Simon, Jonah's son. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Philip Testifies: Jesus Is the Messiah (1:43-46)

43 On the next day He wanted to go to Galilee. So Jesus found Philip and told him, "Follow Me!"

44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown.

45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the One of whom Moses wrote in the Law (and also the Prophets wrote): Jesus the son of Joseph, who is from Nazareth!"

46 So Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good be from Nazareth?" Philip told him, "Come and see!"

Nathanael Testifies: Jesus Is God's Son and Israel's King (1:47-51)

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him and said about him, "Look, truly an Israeli in whom is no deceit!"

48 Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus told him in response, "I saw you before Philip called you, when you were under the fig-tree."

49 Nathanael answered Him, saying, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

50 In reply, Jesus said to him, "Because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree, do you believe? You will see greater *things than* these!"

51 And He told him, "Amen, amen, I tell you•, henceforth you• will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man!"

Conclusion