

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon Road Map
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John 1:29-41
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**Daily take a fresh look at the Lamb.
You'll see the One you need and so much more.**

When John the Baptist said, ***Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!*** he extended an invitation. Not just, *Look over there for a second* - a quick glance. Not even, *Study him thoroughly once, then move on with life*. No, John uses the present, active, imperative - exhorting us to a lifetime of looking at the Lamb - looking to keep on perceiving all he has to reveal to us.

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- ❖ See what John the Baptist has to reveal to us.
 - John's calling: ***the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.***
 - ♦ John's gospel ministry - baptism for forgiveness - opened eyes (ours).
 - ♦ During John's baptism ministry - God would reveal the Messiah.
 - God told John: *the one the Spirit comes down to and remains on...*
 - John testifies: It happened. The Spirit came and remained on Jesus.
 - Before - here - afterward - John pointed to Jesus
 - John revealed who Jesus was.
 - ♦ This ***man*** is ***the Son of God*** - the God/Man.
 - ♦ The day before John said, *I'm not the Messiah*. The next day: *Here's the Messiah!*
 - ♦ Jesus is: ***The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.***
 - ***of God*** - genitive of source = *from God, sent by God.*
 - ***The Lamb*** - points to by all the symbolic substitutionary sacrificial victims - especially the Passover lambs. Blood (life) shed for sin.
 - ***...who takes away the sin of the world.***
 - He takes the **guilt** off all people, takes it on himself for Atonement.
 - ♦ This sin transplant - taken to the cross. - the 1 time full payment
 - ♦ Where the guilt is removed, so is the punishment: death.
 - ♦ Good news for the guilty - for all destined to die.

- ***who takes away*** - present active participle: ongoing character
 - ♦ As this good news is proclaimed and trusted - set free from sin.
 - ♦ He is actively preparing for the sinless new heaven and earth.
 - ♦ Under his lordship, we are liberated from sin's control.
 - ♦ I hear: *Pastor, who am I to talk. I sin daily.*
 - ♦ In Christ, sin is not your will. It's from your Old Nature.
 - ♦ Our mission is to help people who are slaves to sin - captive to making sin their life - life style - what they live for.
 - ♦ If I use only the Law, I too am condemned and silenced.
 - ♦ Jesus daily takes away sin - the love of sinning - winning our hearts to perceive how beautiful a Christ-like mindset is.
- We pray: *O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of...*
 - ♦ A prayer: *Jesus set us and all people free from sin's control.*

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- ❖ The more we see the One we need - the more we see others in need.
 - If I see Jesus only as my ticket to heaven - hard to see my daily need.
 - ♦ The more I see the Lamb who rescues me from a life of sin.
 - ♦ The more I see the Lamb who gives me new fullness of life.
 - When I taste Jesus' solution for sin - I notice a world that needs him also.
 - ♦ I see it across the globe - pray, contribute, ask *What can I do?*
 - ♦ I see individuals who need what only Jesus can give.
 - ***I see others hurting - seem lost - weary - empty...***
 - ***I think I can relate.*** Share a similar personal experience.
 - ***I've found...*** Reveal how the Lamb met your need.
 - Andrew couldn't wait to tell Peter.
 - ♦ The Messiah was their shared hope. - Jesus shared along relationships.
 - ♦ What happened to my zeal to share Jesus?
 - *Is Jesus refreshing?* Keep him your first love - daily take a fresh look.
 - *Am I self-absorbed?* Get out. Look at others through Jesus.
 - ♦ Your life is enriched as you see how Jesus meets their needs too.

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