



The Life of Jesus

A CHRONOLOGICAL STUDY

There Goes the Lamb of God

John 1:19-34

I. **Quick Recap** – Jesus Baptized and “led by the Spirit” for testing

II. vv.19-21

A. v. 19 - The John mentioned here is JTB because John never uses his name in his Gospel - “The disciple whom Jesus loved” - When John uses term “the Jews” it’s never a positive thing – it’s the religious establishment - Keep in mind time of the writing 90-100 AD – Council at Jamnia

1. “priests and Levites” are coming from the temple – like the FBI - “Who are you?” - They already had in mind from Scripture Who would be coming:

- a. Messiah
- b. Elijah
- c. Prophet like Moses

B. v.20 – “confessing and confessing” - Greek word is *homologeō* – “together words”

1. JTB still had disciples – some say till 250 AD

2. John uses the word more than any other NT writer – 11 of 24 times - In his Gospel its always used in conjunction with “the Jews”

3. 1st John “confessing”

- a. 1:9
- b. 2:23
- c. 4:2-3
- d.4:15

4. Why didn’t John say “Don’t y’all remember the whole Zechariah not being able to speak thing?”
These are JTB’s fellow tribe members

C. v.21 - Who are you?

1. Christ already eliminated – *I am not*

2. Elijah? – *I am not*

a. Some Jewish scholars at the time thought Elijah never died because there was no grave – like Enoch and Moses

b. Knowing Malachi 4:5 this wasn't a stretch: “*Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.*”

3. The Prophet? *No* - Deuteronomy 18:15-22

4. *Eimi ou - Eimi ou – ou* – I am NOT; I am NOT; NO – Compared to Jesus Who said “*Eimi*” the Light of the World, the Bread of Life, etc. - Exodus 3:14 – “*I AM WHO I AM*”

III. vv.22-28

A. vv.22-23 - JTB is saying don't pay attention to the messenger – hear the message

B. v.24 - John never uses the term “Sadducees” in his Gospel – They were the hierarchy and by 90 AD-ish temple was gone and they weren't around any more

C. vv.25-27 - John the Apostle's focus on JTB was his role as a witness not as a baptizer

D. v.26 - JTB knows precisely Who He is

E. v.28 - No one knows exactly where this is

IV. vv.29-30

A. v.29 - This ushers in a 3-fold showing of appearances of Jesus in John's Gospel - One at this lesson and two more next week - Note “the next day” – in v.35 and v.43

1. v.29 - John wants us to note in these three appearances to:

a. See - 16 times

b. Find - 5 times

c. Know – 3 times

2. John uses a “Passover theme” when he introduces a major section in his gospel

3. “The Lamb of God” – Only used by John and not in the other Gospels - Greek word for “takes away” is *airo* - Jesus told the paralytic to “*airo* his bed and go home”

4. Whose sin does this Lamb take away? The sins of the world

a. Remember vv.9-10

B. v.30 - JTB is reinforcing v.1 “In the beginning was the Word”

V. vv.31-34

A. v.31 - JTB didn't know Him? I think it means "until I saw the dove-like Spirit come down I didn't get it"

1. It's "knowing" your spouse

2. JTB's purpose from Luke 1:16: *And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God*

B. vv. 32-34 - John is making two primary points here:

1. The Spirit landed on THE Son of God

2. Jesus is THE Son of God - *Ho Yhios Theos*

3. Ezekiel 36:22-32

VI. My "Take Aways" - From John's Christology:

- He is the Passover Lamb
- He is able to take away sins because He is the Word
- He "baptizes" us with the Holy Spirit
- He is THE Son of God - *Ho Yhios Theos*
- We are to confess He is Lord

Questions? Comments? Thoughts?

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