

THE SECOND TESTIMONY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

JOHN 1:29-34

I. CHRIST WAS INTRODUCED AS "THE LAMB OF GOD" (1:29)

- A. The Terminology That John Employed Was Not Intended To Be A Reference To Jesus' Gentle Temperament Or Meek Character
- B. The Terminology Was Employed To Capitalize On The Fact That The People's Minds Were Pre-occupied With The Subject Of The Upcoming Passover Season
 - 1. Never Before Had Anyone Ever Been Introduced As The One Who Would Permanently Deal With The Sin Question
 - 2. This Human "Lamb" Would Literally "Bare Away" The Sin Of The World

II. CHRIST WAS INTRODUCED AS ONE WHO WAS IMMEASURABLY SUPERIOR TO JOHN THE BAPTIST (1:30)

- A. This Is Now The Third Time That The Forerunner Has Referred To Christ As One Who Was "Preferred Before Me"
- B. This Is Setting Us Up For The Ladder Sequence Of Claims To Follow In This Gospel

III. CHRIST WAS INTRODUCED IN KEEPING WITH WHAT GOD THE FATHER HAD REVEALED TO JOHN ABOUT HIM (1:31,33)

- A. John The Baptist Himself, Did Not Previously Know Jesus In The Terms He Is Now Presenting Him In
- B. The Reason John Did Not Previously Know Him Was Because Of The Way Christ Appeared In the Flesh

IV. CHRIST WAS INTRODUCED IN THE CONTEXT OF HIS PREVIOUS BAPTISM BY JOHN (1:32-34)

- A. Christ Is The One Who Baptizes With The Holy Spirit (1:33)
- B. Christ "Is The Son Of God" (1:34)