1 – **Following The Lamb Wherever He Goes**

(John 1:29; Revelation 14:4)

2 - **John the Baptist, *“Who are you?”* (John 1)**

* ***“I am not the Christ”*** (vs. 20)
* ***“I am not”* Elijah or *“the prophet”.*** (vs. 21)
* *“The voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘****make straight the way of the Lord****.’”* (vs. 23; Isaiah 40:3)
* *“****Why then are you baptizing****…?”* (vs. 25)
* To **prepare for** *“****He who comes after me****… whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”* (vs. 27)

3 - **Behold, The Lamb of God**

*“The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, ‘****Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world****!’”* (John 1:29)

OT references to God’s lamb:

* Genesis 22:7-8, “***God will provide for Himself the lamb for the… offering***.”
* Exodus 12:3-5, an **unblemished lamb** for each house.
* Isaiah 53:7, the “***lamb that is led to slaughter***”.

**4 - Behold, The Lamb of God**

*“****This is He****…* ***higher rank****…****existed before me****.”* (vs. 30)

How did John know?

* *“…****He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him****,* ***this is the One****…”* (vs. 33; Matthew 3:16-17)
* *“****I myself have seen*** *and have testified that* ***this is the Son of God****.”* (vs. 34; 5:33-35)

**5 - Behold, The Lamb of God**

The next day…With two of John’s disciples…

John declares, *“****Behold, the Lamb of God****”*.

***“They followed Jesus****…”* Why?

* Our goal in teaching/preaching: get others to **follow the Messiah**. (1 Corinthians 1:12ff)
* John understood his role (*“****He must increase*** *but I must decrease”;* John 3:30)… do we value our role? (cf., 1 Corinthians 12:14-25; 1 Timothy 2 & 3)

**6 - Behold, The Lamb of God**

Jesus asked, ***“What do you seek?”***

* ***“What do you want Me to do for you?”***(Mark 10:36, 51)

*“****Rabbi*** *(which translated means* ***Teacher****),* ***where are You staying****?"* (vs. 38) Why ask this?

* Following Jesus and learning from Him takes time!

**7 - Behold, The Lamb of God**

Jesus asked, *“****What do you seek****?”*

**The Lord knows why men seek after Him?** (John 6:24-26)

* Provide for our **spiritual or fleshly needs**? (Colossians 3:1-2)
* God’s favor or man’s? (Galatians 1:10)

**What** **are you seeking first**? (Matt. 6:33)

**8 - Behold, The Lamb of God**

Jesus responded, *“****Come, and you will see****!”*

* **Jesus is still inviting all to “come and… see!**
* They“***stayed with Him that day***”.(vs. 39)
* After which their conclusion was ***“We have found the Messiah”***. (vs. 41; 4:25-26)

**9 - Behold, The Lamb of God**

Andrew *“****first found his own brother*** *Simon and said to him, ‘****We have found the Messiah****”*. (vs. 40-41)

* There was **urgency, joy & conviction**.

**Keys to sharing good news**

* + Step #1 – be convinced yourself.
  + Step #2 – have an intense interest.
  + Step #3 – talk. (2 Kings 7:9)

**10 - Behold, The Lamb of God**

“*The next day… He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, ‘****Follow Me****.’*” (vs. 43)

* A call to discipleship. (Matt. 10:24-25; John 15:8)

*“****Philip found Nathanael*** *and said to him, ‘****we have found Him*** *of whom* ***Moses in the Law and the Prophets wrote*** *-* ***Jesus of Nazareth****, the son of Joseph”*. (vs. 45)

* Jesus’ disciples… ***“fishers of men”*** (Mark 1:17-20)

11 - **Follow Me!**

Jesus simple but profound command:

* We’ve **examined the evidence**. (John 6:2)
* **Detached from the things of life**. (Matt.19:21)
* A life of **service & sacrifice**. (John 12:26)
* **Regardless of what everyone else is doing** and **whether life is fair**. (John 21:18-23)
* Aware of the **cost of discipleship** (Luke 9:57-62; Revelation 14:4)

12 - **The Redeemed Follow the Lamb Wherever He Goes**

*“****These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes****. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.”* (Revelation 14:4)

“Where He went” was to the cross in full obedience to God the Father.

13 - **Will We Come To Jesus & Follow Him?**

**Will we follow Jesus wherever He Goes** must be preceded by the question, ‘**will we come to Jesus**?’

* John chapter 3 discusses a man named Nicodemus who “***came to Jesus by night***”. (vs. 2)
* Did he proceed to follow Jesus? Did he persevere all the days of his life?
* How do we “***come to Jesus***”? (Matt. 11:28; 16:24-25; John 6:44-45; Acts 2:38-42)
* Will you heed His words and obey.