

KNOWING THE TRUTH**Following Jesus John 1:19–51**

“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29b

1. Read John 1:19–34. Jot down several words that are repeated throughout the passage. What do you think the author is trying to communicate by repeating these words?
2. The religious leaders (the “Jews of Jerusalem” [vs. 19]) pepper John the Baptist with questions. List their questions along with John’s answers.
3. What has John been doing to attract the attention of the religious leaders? (Verse 25 and following; see also Luke 3:3.) Remembering that baptism carries with it the idea of cleansing, what’s the difference between the baptism of John and the baptism of Jesus? (vs. 33)
4. Review verses 29–34. In verse 29, what does John the Baptist call Jesus? What would this name—this image—mean to those listening to John? Hint: Read Leviticus 5:5–6 and think about how God’s law connects the lamb and sin.
5. How is Jesus the fulfillment of the Old Testament symbol of the lamb? (1 Peter 1:18–19)
6. Read John 1:35–42. Two of John’s disciples take a concrete action that shows they want to know Jesus; what do they do?

7. What question does Jesus ask them in verse 38? If Jesus asked you this question, how would you reply?

8. In John 1:40–51, there are some people who bring others to Jesus. Who are they and what motivates them to do this?

9. Think about all the people you meet in the first chapter of John. Is there one that you can identify with? Explain.

10. What does Jesus say to Nathanael in verses 50–51? What would his words have reminded Nathanael of? (Read Genesis 28:10–15.) Optional: Explain what you think Jesus is talking about in these verses.

11. Here in the Gospel of John, following Jesus means literally walking with him. How do we follow Jesus today? How do you know whether or not you are following Jesus?