

Study Guide

Study Scripture: John 1.29 (NKJV)

Jesus Came to Save Sinners!

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Perspective: The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said:

1. **Behold!:** John is calling people to not just glance at Jesus, but to perceive spiritually His significance. We need to look closely, pay attention, and recognize who was the historical Jesus.
2. **The Lamb of God:** John sees Jesus as the ultimate sacrificial lamb, who will take the place of all other sacrifices by offering Himself for humanity's sins. (Reference: I Corinthians 5.7)
3. **who takes away:** John is saying Jesus doesn't just cover sin temporarily; He removes it completely. Sin is not just forgiven but it is eliminated. (Reference: Hebrews 10.12)
4. **the sin of the world.** John says everyone in the world has participated in sin and His sacrifice for sin is not limited to Israel but to the world.

Our participation in sin:

- a) **Original sin:** Through one man's *disobedience*, many were made *sinners* (Romans 5.12)
- b) **Why God hates sin:** We must **see sin** in the way *God sees it* and understand how **His heart grieves** behind it.
 - Sin is against **His nature:** '....Be *holy*, because I am *holy*.' (I Peter 1.16)
 - Sin breaks **His laws:** 'Everyone who sins is *breaking God's law*, for all sin is contrary to the law (boundaries) of God.' (John 3.4 NLT) – Moral decay – Romans 1.18-32
 - Sin breaks **fellowship:** 'Your *iniquities* have separated you from your God...' (Isaiah 59.2)
 - Sin brings **forth death** (spiritual/natural): 'For the wages of sin is death.' (Romans 6.23)
 - Sin makes you an **enemy:** '... Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an *enemy* of God?' (James 4.4 - NIV)
 - Sin allows **Satan to rule:** '...the whole world is *under the control of the evil one*.' (1 John 5.19)

- Sin brings God's **judgment**: God has set a day to *judge* the world in righteousness (Christ) (Acts 17.31).

5. God's **love** for the **world**: 'For God so **loved** the world that he **gave** his one and only Son, that whoever **believes** in him shall **not perish** but have **eternal life**.' (John 3.16 - NIV) (References: John 3.17, Matthew 26.27, 2 Corinthians 5.21)

Point: We're born **Sinners** and need a **Savior**.

1. _____ we were born sinners: 'For I was **born** a **sinner**-yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. (Psalms 51.5 - NLT)

Human beings are **born into a sinful** condition as part of **human nature**. From the very beginning, our nature is against God's nature.

2. _____ of our sins: 'For I have not come to call the righteous, but **sinners to repentance**.' (Matthew 19.13b)

'When you begin to see yourself the way God sees you (sinner), you become convicted and develop godly sorrow for your sins. This leads you to repentance, to turn to God, and establish a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ.'

'**Godly** sorrow brings **repentance** that leads to **salvation** and leaves **no regret**, but worldly sorrow brings death.' (2 Corinthians 7.10)

3. _____ Christ by faith: 'I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in **repentance** and have **faith** in our Lord Jesus Christ.'

Repentance and **faith** in Christ mean turning away from your sins and placing your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who forgives you, restores you, and gives you a new spiritual life in Him. (References: Galatians 2.20, 2 Corinthians 5.15)

Takeaway:

1. Jesus is still seeking to save the lost.
2. Everyone is invited to receive Christ through repentance and faith in Christ.
3. You are restored in relationship with God and begin to live a spiritual life in Christ through the Holy Spirit.