



* Prayers Anchored in the
Gospel of John

Lectio John 1 Day 18

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*
(online Book of Common Prayer)

 **The Collect**
Collecting your thoughts so you can focus
on God.

John 1:35-37 (NIV)

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

*Scripture

*This is a time when you will want to contemplate the beauty of God, or to rest in His protection and love for you. Some of this may not come out in words as much as in a posture of adoration and rest.

These are beautiful words
“The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the whole world. Have mercy upon me!”

Thank you for caring, thanks for listening, thanks for being so present in my life even when things don't always make sense. (Ben Reed)

***Meditation**

I am so taken by the phrase in today's scripture,

“When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.”

Two key elements “ Heard, and followed” I need to ponder about this. Am I listening to Jesus enough so that I can follow?

 **Meditation**

Jesus, the great sacrificial Lamb of God, who took the punishment that I deserved..... I am so unworthy.

 **Meditation**

“ There is not even any indication that the Baptist said this for the benefit of the two disciples with him. He could have been talking to himself, even under his breath! The initiative to follow Jesus was solely theirs; they heard and followed. Indeed, far from calling them to follow him, Jesus turns around and looks at them after they are already following him (v 38). He is going on ahead and they must catch up. “

(IVP commentary on John by Rodney A. Whitacre)

 **Meditation**

Dear Father in heaven

I open my heart to listen to you. I need ears to hear, and a mind to understand what you are saying. I want to work with you to remove any obstacle I have that hinders my listening, and following Christ.

 **Response**



Let's have silent prayer to consider any hindrance or obstacle in our hearts that prevents us from hearing and following our Lord Jesus.

Ben Reed

*Prayer



Father in heaven. I pray that I will keep pointing people to Jesus.

Let's pray for pastors, Christian workers of all type who are busy pointing people towards Jesus.

*Prayer

Psalm 121:7-8

The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

*Blessing