

* Prayers Anchored in the
Gospel of John
John 1: 29-37

Lectio John 1 Day 21

* 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, 1979*

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

John 1: 29-37 (NIV)

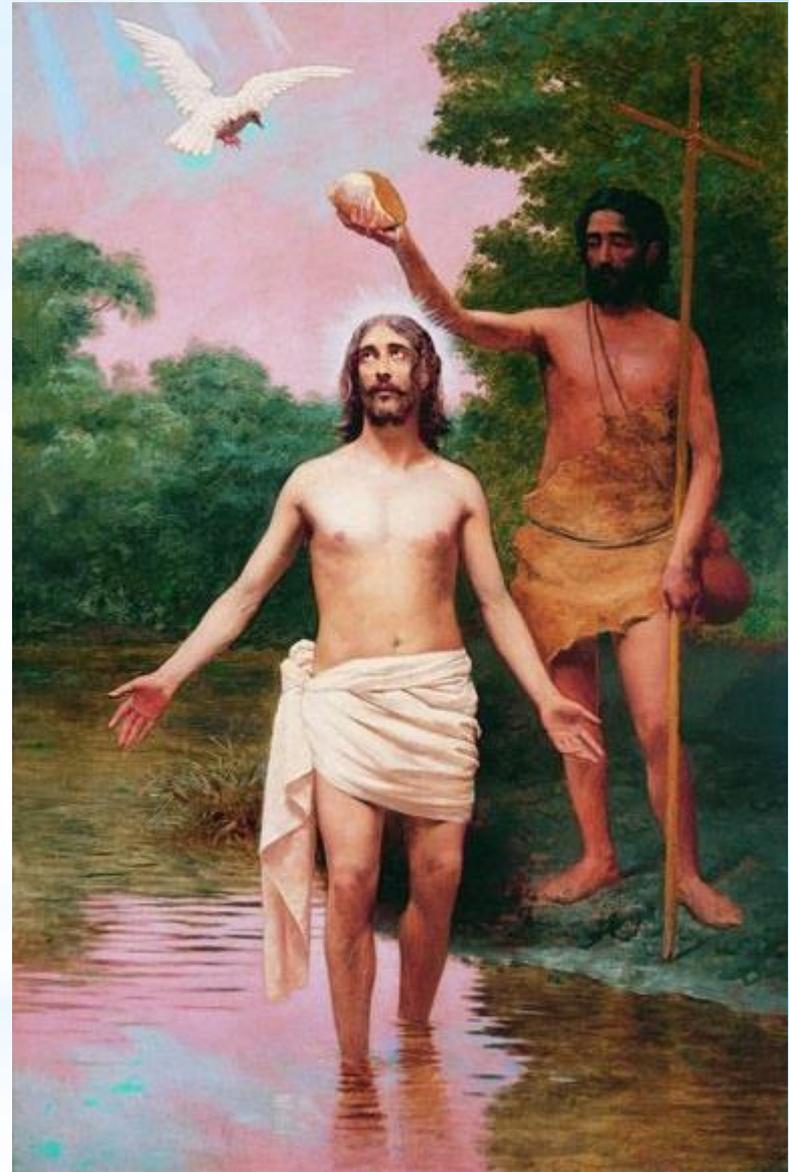
The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.” The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 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**

* Each of us tend to connect with God in different ways. Some of the pathways that are common are:

- * Nature
- * Solitude
- * Service to others
- * Study
- * Simplicity
- * Liturgy or Symbolic Action
- * Sharing deeply with others about God
- * Art or Music
- * Confronting Evil



Jose Ferraz de Almeida Júnior, 1895.

*Take some time today to connect with God in one of your favourite ways. Remember that God has made each of us to relate to Him in a different way and so we can all connect with Him in unique ways. Enjoy the freedom of walking with Jesus today, even if it is experimenting with a pathway that you don't often use.

***Meditation**

John 1: 37

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

May the blessing of seeing Jesus, believing that he is the Son of God and following Him, break in on you afresh. May God give you speed to catch up to wherever Jesus is leading you.

 **Blessing**