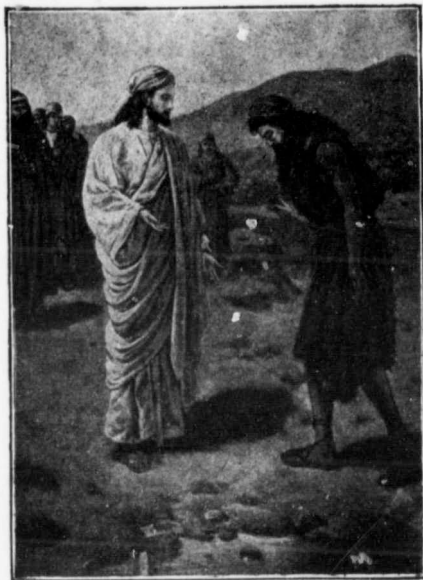


Lesson II. • JOHN THE BAPTIST AND JESUS January 14, 1917

John 1 : 19, 23-34. Study John 1 : 19-34. *Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 121 : 2.

Golden Text—Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!—John 1 : 29 (Rev. Ver.).

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19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Le'vites from Jeru'salem to ask him, Who art thou?

23 He said, I *am* the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esai'as.

24 And they which were sent were of the Phar'isees.

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Eli'as, neither that prophet?

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

28 These things were done in Bethab'ara beyond Jor'dan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day John seeth Je'sus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Is'rael, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove,

and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day a man was standing at the edge of a river in the land where Jesus lived. The bank sloped to that water's edge, and the trees dipped their branches into the stream. It was a narrow part of the river, and the water was not deep. He was clothed in a long, loose coat made of the coarse, shaggy hair of the camel. Around his waist he wore a belt or girdle made of the skin of some animal. This man was John the Baptist. In our lesson last Sunday we learned something about him.

Crowds of people were gathered around him as he preached and cried out to them: "Repent," "Repent" (that means be sorry for,

and turn away from, your sins), "for Jesus is coming." Now he is taking some of the people down into the river. He is baptizing those who are sorry for their sins. This is a sign to them that their sins are washed away.

The Jews sent some priests from the temple at Jerusalem to ask John who he was, and what right he had to baptize people with water. There they stand near John, dressed in their long robes. They had heard some people say that this John the Baptist was really Jesus himself. Others said that he was Elijah, or one of the prophets. John said, "No, I am not any of them. A far greater one than I is coming. I am a mes-

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