

John 1:29-51

lamb of God - who takes away the sin of the world

- is this is an accurate recollection then is knocks in the head a few alternative theories:

1) that Jesus had no idea that he was to be the sacrifice but thought that he was ushering in the kingdom and redefined the mission when it became clear that he was a goner.

2) that the idea of a sacrifice for sins is something that was made up later.

3) that Jesus was a follower of John the Baptist and was later either promoted into leadership or started his own movement.

The Lamb of God

- background from the "Frugal Gourmet"

- Passover Lamb

- ram caught in the brush

- two different types of shepherds in a nativity

Spirit descended like a dove and remained - always before it had gone back
Didn't say it was a dove, but that it was like a dove.

Dove Love vs. pigeon religion - R.T. Kendall, "The Sensitivity of the Spirit"

The two disciples (one is believed to be John) started following immediately.

Andrew brought Jesus to Simon and introduced him. different Gospels bring different accounts of how the disciples came to Jesus. It may have been a process for some of them and not just a spontaneous "Follow me" miracle.

Jesus' proclamation of Simon as being the rock would have shown anybody else there who knew Simon that Jesus didn't know what he was talking about because Simon is anything but a rock at this time.

Nathanael - "An Israel in whom there is no Jacob"

Jacob's Ladder resurfaces with different possible interpretations

- is Jesus the ladder or is the ladder on him? or both?