

John 1:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

Analysis

John, 'looking upon Jesus as he walked' (emblepsas to Iesou peripatounti), repeats his testimony: 'Behold the Lamb of God.' The verb 'emblepo' means to gaze intently, fix attention upon. John's concentrated focus on Christ models contemplative devotion that leads to proclamation. The repetition of 'Lamb of God' from verse 29 emphasizes this central identification. Jesus' walking suggests ordinary movement, yet John sees extraordinary identity. Recognizing Christ in His humility requires spiritual eyes.

Historical Context

The Baptist's fixed gaze and repeated testimony effectively transferred his disciples to Jesus. This marked the beginning of Jesus' public gathering of disciples. John's ministry was designed for this moment—having prepared the way, he now directs the first followers to the One for whom he prepared.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to 'look upon Jesus' with the intensity John demonstrated?
2. How can we maintain focused attention on Christ amid daily distractions?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἐμβλέψας	τῷ	Ἰησοῦ	περιπατοῦντι	λέγει	Ἴδε	ὁ
And	looking upon	G3588	Jesus	as he walked	he saith	G1492	G3588
G2532	G1689		G2424	G4043	G3004		
ἀμνὸς	τοῦ	θεοῦ					
the Lamb	G3588	of God					
G286		G2316					

Additional Cross-References

John 1:29 (References Jesus): The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Hebrews 12:2 (Kingdom): Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.