

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

John 1:29-34

'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

Reflection

When John the Baptist sees Jesus, he doesn't make it about himself. Instead, he points straight to Jesus and says, "Behold, the Lamb of God." John knows his role isn't to be centre stage, but to help others recognise who Jesus really is.

John also talks about seeing the Spirit rest on Jesus. This is how he knows that Jesus is the one sent by God- the Son of God, bringing new life and hope to the world. Jesus comes to take away sin, to heal what's broken, and to bring people closer to God.

For us as Vincentians, this gospel is a reminder that our mission is a bit like John's. We're called to notice others, especially in people who are struggling, and to point others towards hope through our actions. When we serve with love, humility, and compassion, we help make Jesus visible in the world today.

Materials needed

- Pens and Paper

Activity

Read the scripture together.

Ask everyone to think back over the past week and quietly reflect:

- Where have I noticed Jesus at work? This could be through someone's kindness, support from a friend, forgiveness, or care for someone in need.

Invite them to write down one moment or place where they noticed Jesus. If appropriate, invite a few volunteers to share.

Call to Action

- This week, try to look for Jesus in everyday life. When you notice someone showing kindness, helping others, or forgiving, pause and "Behold."

