- John 1:29-34 **This is the Son of God The Lamb of God Convincing Evidence** 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
- 30 This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'
- 31 "I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water."
- 32 And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.
- 33 I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'
- 34 "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- → John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! [John 1:29]
 - ♦ This is a clear and unmistakable statement of fact. John clearly identified Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
 - ♦ This is a reference to the purpose of Jesus as Savior of the world, Who came to seek and save that which was lost. [Matthew 18:11, Luke 19:10]
- This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' [John 1:15, 27, 30]
 - ♦ John had predicted One would be coming after him Whose sandal straps John was unworthy to loosen. [John 1:26-27, Matthew 3:11-12, Mark 1:7-8, Luke 3:16-17]
 - ♦ Now He is here and John said, "This is He." John specifically identified Jesus as that man.
- Tildid not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." [John 1:31]
 - ♦ John knew from the prophetic announcement of his father Zacharias at his birth that John would be the one to go before Yehowah (the Lord) and prepare the way before Him. [Luke 1:76-79]
 - ♦ Also from the word of the angel who announced his conception, John knew his destined role to go before Yehowah (The Lord) in the spirit and power of Elijah. [Luke 1:15-17]
- → John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

 [John 1:32-34]
 - ♦ The conclusive evidence was at the baptism of Jesus when the Spirit descended in the form of a dove and remained on Jesus accompanied by the voice from Heaven, "This is My Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased." [Matthew 3:16-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22]
 - ♦ That was the sign God had spoken of to John when He called John and commissioned him to begin His ministry of introduction of Yehowah to the people of Israel, calling them to

repentance in preparation for the message of the Kingdom of Heaven (Kingdom of God). [Luke 3:1-3]

→ John is now able to conclusively affirmatively declare without doubt, "I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."