

GOSPEL PEARLS

Daily deeds

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Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have

seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.' (John 1: 29-34)

Water, by itself, can only wash away dirt on the body, but not that of the soul. Only Jesus, by His perfect innocence, could take away our sins, taking them upon Himself. Therefore, unlike John the Baptist, Jesus and his disciples baptise not only with water but also with the Holy Spirit who gives the grace which allows us to do God's will. Did you remember to pray to the Holy Spirit today, to help you in your daily deeds?