



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 3:31-36 (NAS)

Topic: "The Superiority of Jesus"

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- 31 "He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.
- 32 "What He has seen and heard, of that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony.
- 33 "He who has received His testimony has set his seal to this, that God is true.
- 34 "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure.
- 35 "The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.
- 36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

I. JOHN'S HUMILITY

- A. Much About John's Life We May Deem Praiseworthy
- B. John's Ministry Focused On Exalting Christ *John 3:30; Philipians 2:6-11; James 4:10*
- C. Jesus Praised John *Matthew 11:11*
- D. Moses Like John Demonstrated Humility *Numbers 11:27-29*

II. JOHN DECLARED JESUS' SUPERIORITY

- A. Jesus' Heavenly Origin *Matthew 1:18-20; Luke 1:30-35*
1. Jesus is "from above" vs. 31
 2. John knew himself to be earthly *Matthew 11:2-3*
 3. Jesus, the bread from above *John 6:33, 38-39*
- B. Jesus Has Firsthand Divine Knowledge
1. Untaught with full knowledge
 2. At age 12 Jesus confounded the temple leaders
 3. He knew all intuitively, eternally *Hebrews 1:1-2*

C. Affirming Christ Declares God Is True

1. Jesus later claimed to be truth *John 14:6*
2. Jesus is truth personified
3. The Father affirmed the Son at his baptism and transfiguration
4. Failure to believe in the truth of who Christ is calls God a liar
1 John 5:10

D. Jesus Was Given The Spirit In Full Measure

1. Prophets, apostles were given the Spirit only in part
2. Jesus was given all the gifts of the Spirit

E. Jesus Was Granted The Father's Love

1. All things were given to him *Ephesians 1:21-23*
2. All the redeemed are His *John 10:27-30*