



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 3:22-30 (NAS)

Topic: "He Must Increase, I Must Decrease"

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- 22 After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and baptizing.
- 23 John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; and people were coming and were being baptized--
- 24 for John had not yet been thrown into prison.
- 25 Therefore there arose a discussion on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about purification.
- 26 And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified, behold, He is baptizing and all are coming to Him."
- 27 John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven.
- 28 "You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent ahead of Him.'
- 29 "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.
- 30 "He must increase, but I must decrease.

I. PRIDE THE ANTITHESIS OF HUMILITY

- A. Solomon's Instruction On Pride *Proverbs 11:2, 16:18; 29:23*
- B. Jesus' Evaluation Of John The Baptist *Matthew 11:11; James 4:6; 4:10*
- C. Paul's Self-Evaluation *1 Corinthians 2:1, 2*
- D. A Call For All To Be Humble *1 Peter 5:5*

II. THE SETTING

- A. John Was Baptizing - Jesus Was Baptizing
- B. The Jews Were Questioning John's Disciples
- C. John's disciples Bring The Matter To John
- D. John's Disciples Were Jealous For John

III. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S RESPONSE

- A. God Is In Control
- B. I Am Not The Christ *John 1:6-8, 34*
- C. He Used The Simile Of Friend Of The Bridegroom

IV. JOHN'S LIFESTYLE

- A. What Did He Wear?
- B. What Did He Eat?
- C. Where Did He Sleep?
- D. He Was The Only Prophet
- E. He Was The Greatest Man
- F. He Said, He Must Increase, I Must Decrease

V. APPLICATION

- A. Pastors, Elders, Teachers To The Humility Seen In John
- B. We Are Called To Teach Others That Humility Of Christ
Ephesians 4:11-13
- C. Our Goal Must Never Be Self-Glory *1 Corinthians 10:31-33*
- D. He Must Increase, We Must Decrease