

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes

Chapter 3 PT. 2: The Last Testimony of John The Baptist

John 3:22-36

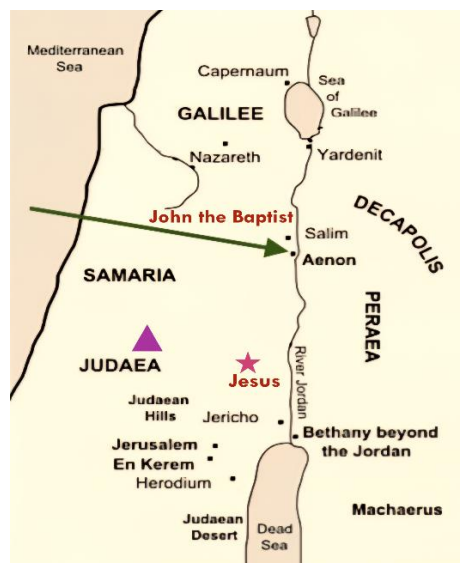
Verses 22-24

John 3:22-24 (NASB) – “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 Now John also was baptizing **in Aenon, near Salim**, because there was an abundance of water there; and *people* were coming and being baptized— ²⁴ for John had not yet been thrown into prison.”

“After these things...” - What things?

- The Revelation of the Word (**John 1:1**)
- The 1st Testimony of John the Baptist (**John 1:19-51**)
- The First Miracle (**John 2:1-12**)
- Yeshua goes into the Temple (**John 2:13-25**)
- Jesus’ encounter with Nicodemus (**John 3:1-21**)

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Note: A popular contradiction is easily explained away. Remember, Scripture interprets Itself. It has been taught that Jesus and John the Baptist did baptisms together, but Scripture states:

- John was baptizing at Aenon near Salim.
- Jesus was in the Judean countryside.
- Both were baptizing in the same region, but they were at different locations.

Deuteronomy 4:2 (NASB) – “You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, so that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I am commanding you.”

Key: This scripture emphasizes the importance of adhering to G-d's revealed Word without distortion or alteration.

Verses 25-26

John 3:25-26 (NASB) – “²⁵ Then a matter of dispute developed 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 *the people* are coming to Him.’”

Matter-(Etymologically)-"piece of business, affair, activity, situation; subject of debate or controversy, question under discussion" is from late 14c. In law, "something which is to be tried or proved," 1530s.

KJV-(Greek)-"Then there arose a question, ..."

Question: A question between “who”? This is important here!

Answer: John’s Disciples and Jews.



Understanding: The green-eyed monster of Envy/Jealousy has just reared its ugly head! “*All the people are coming to Him*” (Verse 26). They thought that they could snare John in the same trap that they are in! (*These Things*).

Write This Down

To stop people’s belief in Jesus, the enemy must present a threat!

John’s Response is Everything!

Verse 27

John 3:27 (NASB) – “John replied, ‘A person can receive not even one thing unless it has been given to him from heaven.’”



- To paraphrase John, “everything that I have has been given to me”.
- John understood the privilege that he was given by the Father to “make the way straight” for Jesus to come.
- John never forgot His purpose for being sent ahead of Jesus.

John 1:23 (NASB) – “He said, ‘I am THE VOICE OF ONE CALLING OUT IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE THE WAY OF THE LORD STRAIGHT,’ as Isaiah the prophet said.’”



Question: How many can say, they heard from Father, knew why they were sent into the Earth and did that very thing until they died?

Answer: Not Many! Why? One Word...**PERSUASION**

Note: A scripture that Holy Spirit gives me new revelation of daily!

Galatians 5:7-8 (AMP) – “⁷ You were running [the race] well; who has interfered *and* prevented you from obeying the truth? ⁸ This [deceptive] persuasion is not from Him who called you [to freedom in Christ].”



Verses 28-29

John 3:28-29 (NASB) – “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 groom; but the friend of the groom, who stands and listens to him, rejoices greatly because of the groom’s voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.”

“He who has the bride is the groom...”



Verse 30

John 3:30 (NASB) – “He must increase, but I must decrease.”

Must-(Greek)-*dei-die*- it is necessary, there is need of, it behooves, is right and proper.

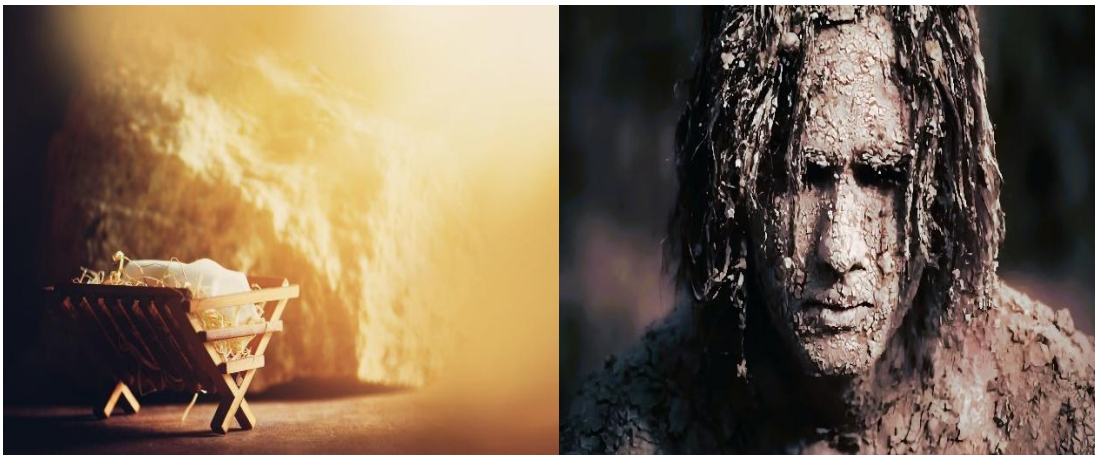
Increase-(Greek)-*auxano*-to enlarge, cause to grow, to become greater.

Decrease-(Greek)-*elattoo*-to make less or inferior, in authority and popularity.

Jesus Is Greater!

Verse 31

John 3:31 (NASB) – “He who comes from above is above all; the one who is *only* from the earth is of the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.”



Psalms 103:14 (NASB) – “For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.”

Verses 32-33

John 3:32-33 (NASB) – “³² What He has seen and heard, of this He testifies; and no one accepts His testimony. ³³ The one who has accepted His testimony has certified that God is true.”

- John is speaking to Jesus’ own declaration of being the Son of G-d.
- John is also prophesying His rejection by those whom He was sent to (**John 1:5 - Darkness Can’t Comprehend Light**).

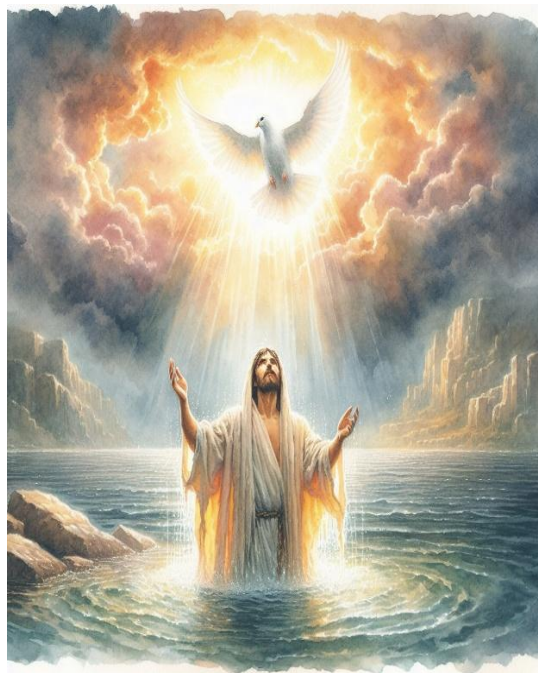


Verses 34-35

John 3:34-35 (NASB) – “³⁴ For He whom God sent speaks the words of God; for He does not give the Spirit sparingly. ³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has entrusted all things to His hand.”

Key: This verse speaks of when the Father sent His Spirit to rest upon Jesus, no limits were put on Him.

- The Spirit of Father was given to the son immeasurably.
- The Son of G-d only speaks by the Spirit of G-d.
- Everything Father has is in Yesua.

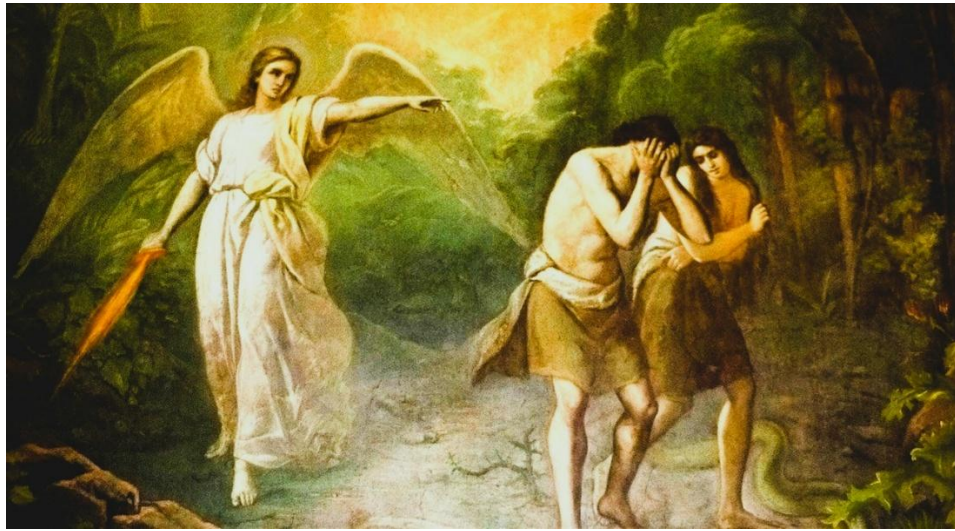


Verse 36

John 3:36 (NASB) – “The one who believes in the Son has eternal life; but the one who does not **obey** the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

“Remains on him”

Key: John the Baptist is testifying for the last time that, the sin that came upon humanity in the Garden due to the fall, will remain without obedience to The Word.
Selah.



John 14:6 (AMP) – “Jesus said to him, “I am the [only] Way [to God] and the [real] Truth and the [real] Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

Choose Today to Follow Jesus and Obey!