

“JOHN THE BAPTIST: A MODEL OF HUMBLE SERVICE”
(John 3:22-36)

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1. A Testimony on LOWLY SERVICE by JOHN THE BAPTIST (3:22-30)

a) The baptizing ministries of John the Baptist and the Lord Jesus _____ at this time. (vv. 22-24)

** What do we know about this baptism?*

** What does “much water” indicate about baptism?*

b) The ministry of John the Baptist was _____ while that of the Lord Jesus was _____ . (vv. 25-26)

c) When it came to humble service for Christ, John the Baptist understood the principle that . . .

1) . . . you are what you are by _____ . (v. 27)

** What does God’s grace have to do with humility?*

2) . . . we must have a proper _____ of ourselves and our roles. (v. 28)

** How did John view himself?*

3) . . . you can have _____ instead of _____ in another's successes. (v. 29)

4) . . . Jesus Christ must _____. (v. 30)

** How would John's ministry "decrease" and what does this say about service for Christ?*

** Who is the ultimate example of humility?*

2. The Testimony of the HEAVENLY SON by JOHN THE APOSTLE (3:31-36)

Jesus Christ is a superior witness to John the Baptist because . . .

a) . . . He _____ with divine _____. (v. 31)

b) . . . He testified with _____ information from the very realm of heaven. (vv. 32-33)

c) . . . His words were based on His _____ relationship with God the Spirit (v. 34) and God the Father (v. 35).

** What response does this call for? (v. 36)*