

**“THE WORTHY WITNESS YOU MUST BELIEVE”
(John 3:30-36)**

I. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)

II. THE INTRODUCTION: WITNESSING ABOUT JESUS CHRIST (1:19-51)

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A. Jesus Christ’s First Sign-Miracle in Cana of Galilee (2:1-12)

B. Jesus Christ’s First Passover Prediction at the Temple in Jerusalem (2:13-25)

C. Jesus Christ’s Encounter with Nicodemus (3:1-21)

D. Jesus Christ’s Humble Servant: John the Baptist (3:22-36)

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)

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)

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

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)

a) John’s Testimony to the Superiority of Christ as a Witness (3:31-35)

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

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

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

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

b) John's Summarizing Testimony to the Necessity of Believing Christ's Witness (3:36)

1) The *condition* of this verse is to _____ (*pisteuō*) or not _____ (*apeitheō*).

** Is the present tense of believe here (ho pisteuōn) requiring on-going faith to be saved?*

** Is this verse requiring obedience to Christ in the Christian life to get to heaven?*

2) When it comes to the *object* of faith in this verse, it is _____ or by implication _____ of the Son. (5:24, 33-47)

3) The *promise* in this verse to all who believe is the _____ of eternal life. (5:24)

4) The warning of this verse to all who refuse to believe is that the _____ (*ōrgē*) of God will remain on them.

** What other passages of Scripture support this?*

** How long will this last?*

** What is the only basis for escaping God's righteous wrath?*

** Are you in the Son, the sphere of everlasting life and protection?*