

A misty landscape with evergreen trees and a road. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a road visible in the lower foreground. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

A Statement for Life

John 3:22-30

Isaiah 40:3,

***“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the LORD...”***

John 1:29

***Behold! The Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world!***

I. A Statement of Worship.

A. *“He must increase.”*

These three words that call for full surrender.

These three words declares who deserves first place in my life.

He must increase!

B. Three words that reveal the direction of our life.

He must increase!

C. John declares his purpose in life is to exalt Jesus.

D. What place does Jesus hold in your life?

II. A Statement of Humility.

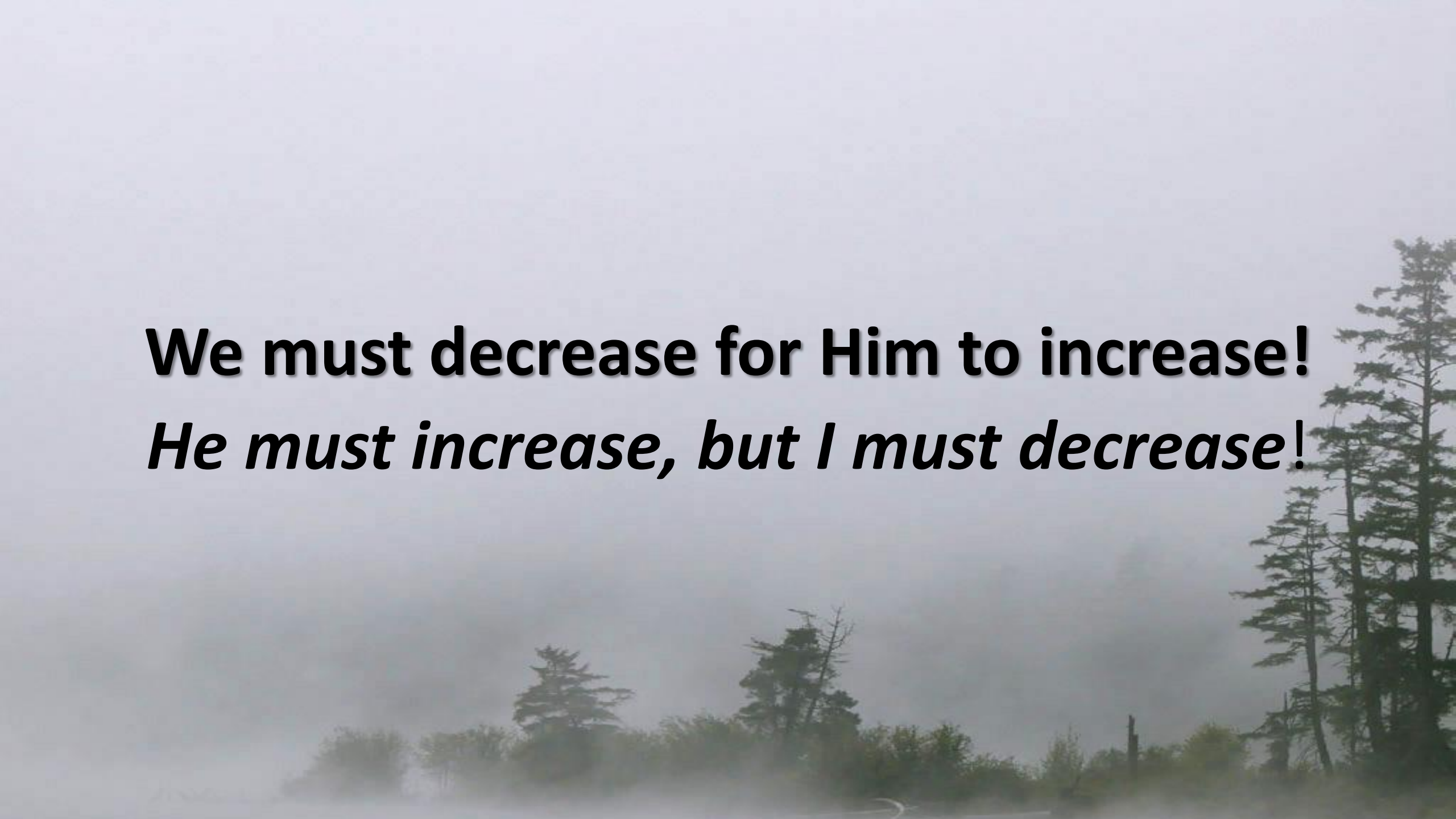
- A. *"I must decrease."* - Vs. 31-36 Rd.
- B. John had qualification for popularity and praise.
- C. John had his proper position in perspective:
he was unworthy to loosen the shoe strap of Jesus!

III. A Statement to Challenge Us All.

- A. How does your goal in life compare to John's?
- B. Where is humility in your purpose for living?
- C. What do you see as the greatest challenge in life?
- D. What heavenly rewards will be given for such a purposeful living as that of John's?

Luke 7:26-28

***“I say to you, (John) was more than a prophet...
For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a
greater prophet than John the Baptist,
but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”***

The background of the image is a soft-focus, misty landscape. In the foreground, several evergreen trees are visible, their details softened by the fog. The middle ground shows a dense line of trees, and the background is a pale, hazy expanse of sky and distant hills. The overall atmosphere is serene and quiet.

We must decrease for Him to increase!
He must increase, but I must decrease!