

## JOHN THE BAPTIST: A MODEL OF HUMBLE SERVICE

(John 3:22-36)

- I. AN INTRODUCTION TO JOHN'S GOSPEL
- II. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)
- III. WITNESSING ABOUT JESUS CHRIST (1:19-51)
- IV. THE SIGNS SECTION: PROVING THAT JESUS WAS THE CHRIST (2:1-12:50)

A. Jesus Christ's Encounter with Nicodemus (3:1-21)

B. Jesus Christ's Humble Servant, John the Baptist (3:22-30)

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

\* What does the phrase "*there was much water*" tell us about this baptism?

2. The ministry of John's was \_\_\_\_\_ while that of Christ's was \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 25-26)

3. When it came to humble service for the Lord, John understood the principle that...

a. ...you are what you are by \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 27)

b. ...we must have a proper \_\_\_\_\_ of ourselves and our roles. (v. 28)

c. ...you can have \_\_\_\_\_ instead of \_\_\_\_\_ in another's successes. (v. 29)

d. ...Jesus Christ must \_\_\_\_\_ in your life. (v. 30)

\* How did John's ministry "*decrease*"?

\* Who is the ultimate example of humility? (Philip. 2:5-8; 1 Pet. 2:21-24)

### C. Jesus Christ's Testimony through the Apostle John (3:31-36)

1. Christ is a Superior Witness to John the Baptist because...

a. ...He \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 31)

b. ...He testified with \_\_\_\_\_ from the very realms 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).

2. Verses 36 is a fitting climax to the entire chapter by laying out the \_\_\_\_\_ two alternatives: genuine \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ or defiant \_\_\_\_\_.

\* What response does this call for?