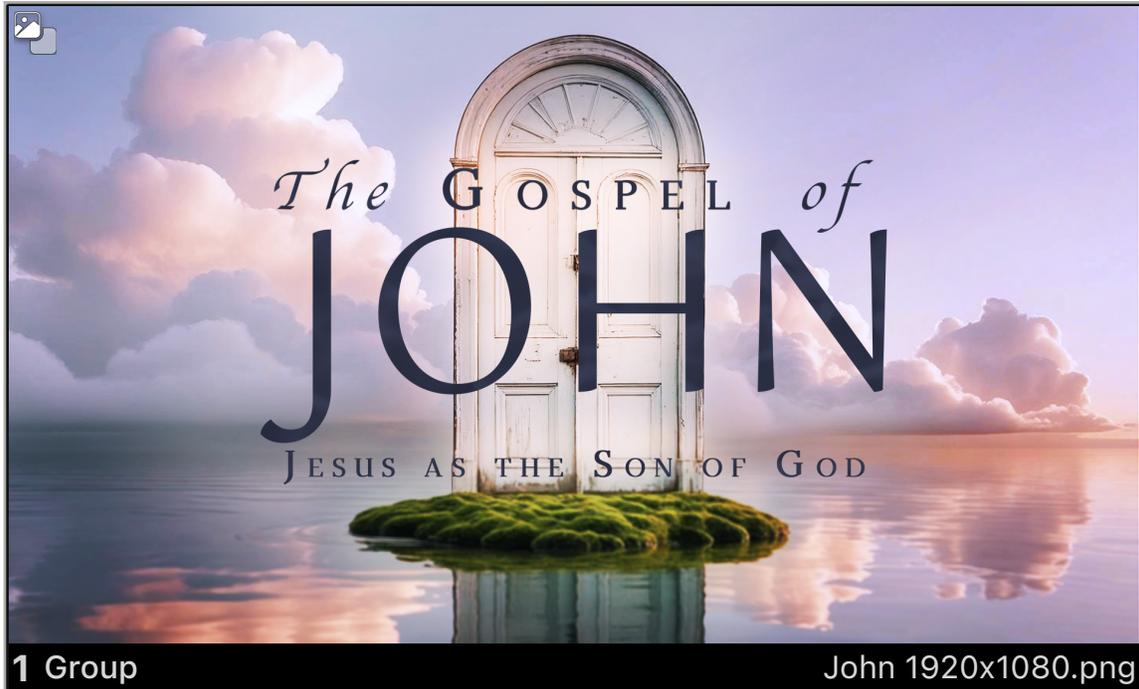


John Outline



He Must Increase - Part 2

John 3:22-36

Scene 1: God's Plan of Redemption (1-21)

- Here we learned that God's has a plan of redemption that is an expression of His perfect love.
- We as sinners stand in need of rescue from God's condemnation and we must be born again by God and given eyes to see the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- We must come to believe and trust that God has made a way for us to be forgiven of our sins by sending His own precious Son to die as a sacrifice on the cross to pay for our sins and rise again from the grave.

2 Group



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- And for all who repent and believe this gospel there is the gift of eternal life.

Last week we began to study the second scene in John 3 which runs from verses 22-36.

Scene 2: John's Testimony to Christ (22-36)

2 Segments

Segment 1: The Setting (22-24)

Segment 2: John's Testimony (25-36)

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3 Elements of John's Testimony:

Element 1: The Disciples Troubling Concern (25-26)

Element 2: John's Perspective of Himself (27-30)

Argument 1: John's Giftedness

Argument 2: John's Role

Argument 3: John's Joy

Argument 4: John's Submission

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John 3:22-31

²²After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and baptizing. ²³John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; and people were coming and were being baptized— ²⁴for John had not yet been thrown into prison. ²⁵Therefore there arose a

John 3:22-31

discussion on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about purification. ²⁶And 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 are coming to Him." ²⁷John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven. ²⁸You

John 3:22-31

yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent ahead of Him.'

²⁹He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full. ³⁰He must increase, but I must decrease. ³¹He who

John 3:22-31

comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

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Element 3: John's Perspective of Jesus (31-36)

5 Arguments that inform our perspective of Jesus:

Argument 1: Christ's Unrivaled Preeminence (31)

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John 3:13

¹³No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man.

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John 3:13

Colossians 1:15-18

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is also

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head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

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John 3:11

¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony.

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John 1:11

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John 1:11

John 2:24-25

²⁴But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men, ²⁵and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.

John 3:19

¹⁹This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

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¹¹He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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Ephesians 4:4-7

⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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Hebrews 1:1-3

¹God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ²in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. ³And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

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Argument 4: Christ's Supreme Authority (35)

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John 17:1-2

¹Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, ²even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.

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John 17:1-2

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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Argument 5: Christ's Eternal Reward (36)

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Conclusion

Question 1: Is Christ preeminent in your heart and mind?

Question 2: Are there any areas of your life in rebellion to Christ's authority?

Question 3: Do you have the reward of eternal life?

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