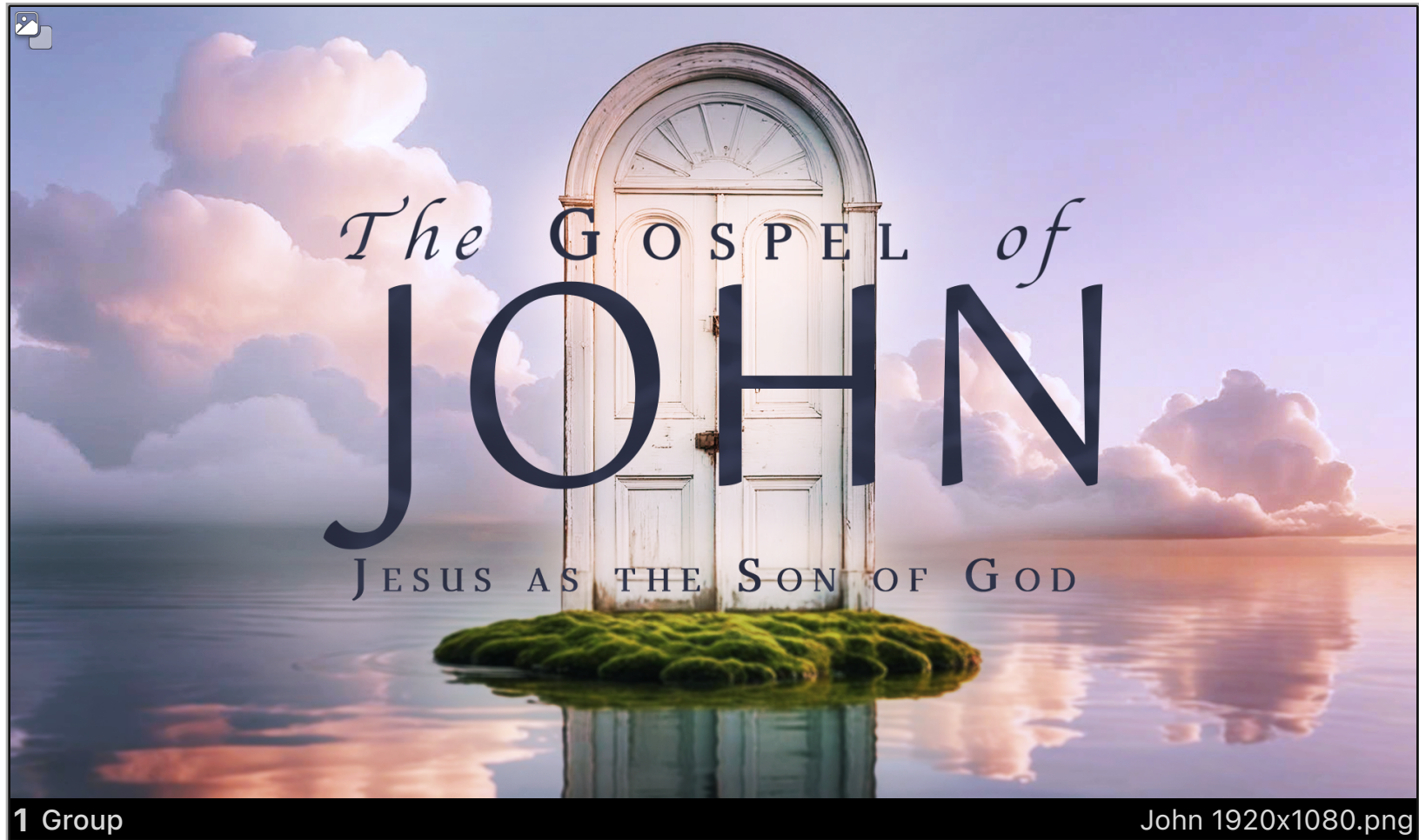


John Outline



He Must Increase - Part 1

John 3:22-36

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

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John 3:22-30

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

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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

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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.

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John 4:1-3

¹Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ²(although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were), ³He left Judea and went away again into Galilee.

Mark 1:14-15

¹⁴Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

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Romans 1:1-5

¹Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, ⁴who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the

Romans 1:1-5

Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,

1 Peter 4:10

¹⁰As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Romans 12:3-5

³For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. ⁴For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are

Romans 12:3-5

one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

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John 1:19-20

¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

John 1:23

²³He said, "I am A VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

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Question 1: Are you content with the spiritual gifts God has given to you and others?

Ephesians 4:11-13

¹¹And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the

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stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

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Question 1: Are you content with the spiritual gifts God has given to you and others?

Question 2: Are you content with the role God has given you in His church?

Question 3: Is your greatest joy in ministry seeing Christ glorified through your service?

Richard Phillips

“The greatest reward of serving Jesus is simply the joy of serving Jesus.”

