



# John the Baptist on Jesus

John 3:22-36

3:22-23 – Who was baptizing and where were they?

Why did John the Baptist continue to baptize after Jesus came on the scene?

Do you think there was a difference between the baptism of John and that of Jesus' disciples?

How could the competitiveness demonstrated by the disciples of John become a problem in the church today?

3:24 – When were these baptisms taking place?

3:27 – How did John explain why the followers of Jesus were growing while his were shrinking?

3:25 – What dispute came up?

How should we respond when we hear someone is being effective as a servant of Christ?

How did the Jews in general view purification?

Is success the mark of God's blessing or approval?

What was the problem with the view most Jews had of purification?

3:28 – Why did John have to keep reiterating that he was not the Messiah?

What do you think the Jewish religious leaders thought of John's preaching the need for simple repentance requiring public baptism?

3:29 – What metaphor did John employ to depict how his saw his relationship with the Messiah?

What did the fact that John's message was well received tell us about the Jewish religious system?

Where do you think John got this metaphor of the bridegroom, bride, and best man from?

How do people today have a spiritual life without reality?

Where else do we find the use of the analogy of God being the bridegroom?

3:26 – What did John's disciples grumble about?

Why did God use the bridegroom analogy?

What was the problem with the disciples of John?

3:30 – How did John reveal his similarity to Jesus in this verse?

What is the difference between a false humility and the healthy humility modeled by John?

How should we have the proper attitude of humility in our own lives?

3:31 – What does this verse tell us about who John believed Jesus was?

What other distinction did John make between himself and Jesus?

Why is there redundancy in this verse: *“He who comes from above is above all... He who comes from heaven is above all?”*

3:32 – What did Jesus testify about?

What does it mean that no one receives the testimony of Jesus?

3:33 – What did those who did receive the testimony of Jesus come to believe?

What does it mean that *“they certified that God is true?”*

3:34 – Who does Jesus speak for?

How was Jesus able to speak the words of God?

What does it mean that God does not give the Spirit by measure?

3:35 – What authority does Jesus have on earth?

How could Satan offer Jesus all the kingdoms of the world per Matthew 4:8?

3:36 – Do believers need to wait until the judgment to see if they have eternal life?

How is it that eternal life begins as the moment you believe in Jesus?

What does it mean to not believe the Son?

Why is it so important to understand who Jesus is?

What happens to non-believers?

What is God’s Wrath?

Since God punishes unbelievers, does that mean that God is cruel?