

## ***Jesus & John The Baptist (John 3:22-36)***

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### **Introduction**

1. John, the Baptist, is a unique man in the Scriptures. There was none like him before him; there will never be another like him. Jesus said, "None greater had been born of woman."
2. John was "sent" by God. He was special; he was prophesied. His parents were blessed. Jesus complemented John as He did no one else. By the way his name was "John," not "Baptist."

### **I. John Knew Who He Was**

#### **a. A Good Man**

- i. John knew exactly who he was and why he was here. Many of us still don't. He prayed and taught prayer (John 11). He fasted and taught fasting (Matthew 9). He knew discipline and he was no "sissy" preacher.

#### **b. A Prophet**

- i. He was special and radically different. He lived in the wilderness and dressed funny. God sent him to be a "voice." He called men back to God.
- ii. His power was not in the pulpit or in politics but in his message!

#### **c. A Witness**

- i. This is a bible word we need to rekindle. John came to witness. The only work of a witness is to testify. He was sent from God to purify hearts to accept a pure Savior.

### **II. John Also Knew Who He Was Not**

#### **a. He Was Not The Messiah**

- i. John 3:23; 4:1 – John baptized. Across the way, Jesus was baptizing more. John was taking second place.
- ii. John knew that he must decrease and Jesus increase. He accepted his new role. He was a great prophet but not the Messiah.

### **III. Jesus**

#### **a. John & Jesus**

- i. John was close too to Jesus and that was his purpose. Read John 5:32-36 and Matthew 11:7-15.
- ii. Consider the eulogy of Jesus about John! It is the greatest in the Bible. John was beheaded because of his courage.