

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED
John the Baptist's Ministry Completed

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Lesson 7 – John 3:22-36

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Purpose: John 20:31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Outline:

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| I. | Incarnation of the Son Of God | 1:1-18 |
| II. | Presentation of the Son Of God | 1:19-4:54 |
| III. | Opposition of the Son Of God | 5:1-12:50 |
| IV. | Disciples of the Son Of God | 13:1-17:26 |
| V. | Execution of the Son Of God | 18:1-19:37 |
| VI. | Resurrection of the Son Of God | 19:38-21:25 |

Memory Verse: John 3:30 “He must increase, but I must decrease.”

Theme: Today's verses are of John the Baptist's last lesson to his disciples. He teaches of the Purpose of his ministry, the Future of his ministry and the Message of his ministry.

I. Purpose of John's Ministry **3:22-26**

1. For several months the baptizing ministries of John the Baptist and Jesus _____ were in near proximity to one another.
2. John's disciples inform him that _____ are being baptized by Jesus, now.
3. John's disciples want to know what John will do to regain his _____.

II. Future of John's Ministry 3:27-30

1. John _____ his God given ministry as the forerunner of the Messiah.
2. John _____ his disciples that the Messiah has arrived and he is joyful.
3. John _____ Jesus must grow to greater importance and he must decline.

III. Message of John's Ministry

3:31-36

1. Jesus came down from _____, where He was with His Father.
2. Jesus is the _____ authority over the heavens and the earth.
3. Jesus speaks as an _____, having been with His Father in heaven.
4. Jesus was sent by God to speak His _____.
5. Jesus is loved by God and has given Him _____ on heaven and earth.
6. Jesus gives eternal life to those who _____ in Him and saves them from the wrath of God

IV. Application

1. How is the purpose of John's ministry like our own?
2. How is the humility of John's ministry like our own?
3. How is our message of John's ministry like our own?

Colossians 1:19-22 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, 20and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. 21And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, 22yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—