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Jesus Is Superior

John 3:22-36

Sandwiched between the story of Nicodemus and the woman at the well, these verses are easy to overlook. John the Baptist re-enters the story and once again serves as a witness to Jesus. John testifies that Jesus must increase while he must decrease. Jesus must increase because He is superior to John in every way.

Additional Verses:

Leviticus 15:1-33 Numbers 19:1-22

Matthew 11:11 Hebrews 10:1-4

Outline:

1. Jesus is superior because of His baptism.

2. Jesus is superior because He is the groom.

3. Jesus is superior because He is the Messiah.

Position

Witness

Assurance

Giving

Mission

Study Questions:

1. Why were people going to Jesus to be baptized? Why do you think people were more attracted to Jesus than John? How does this baptism point forward to believer's baptism?

2. How does a wedding portray the relationship between Jesus and the church? How does John act as the best man to Jesus?

3. How is Jesus superior to John ? How is Jesus superior in the book of Hebrews? Why must Jesus be superior?

4. How can you decrease so that Jesus can increase?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?