

Light & Life - The Book Of John
"Friend Of Jesus" John 3:22-36
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
Rich Sherwood
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Big Idea:

To know Who Jesus is and to place our confident trust in Him as our Lord & Savior.

²²After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. ²³Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were coming and being baptized. ²⁴(This was before John was put in prison.) ²⁵An argument developed between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing. ²⁶They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan—the one you testified about—look, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him." **John 3:22-26 (NIV)**

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²⁷To this John replied, "A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. ²⁸You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.' ²⁹The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. ³⁰He must become greater; I must become less." **John 3:27-30 (NIV)**

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³¹The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all. ³²He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. ³³Whoever has accepted it has certified that God is truthful. ³⁴For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. ³⁵The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. ³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them. **John 3:31-36 (NIV)**

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family.]

Open in Prayer.

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Read John 3:22-36

What are John's disciples and the other Jew arguing about?

Why do you think this argument would lead them to notice Jesus and His disciples baptizing?

Why are John's disciples concerned about "everyone" going to Jesus?

Read John 3:27-30

What is the meaning of John comparing himself to the friend of the bridegroom?

Reread verse 30

While John is specifically speaking of himself here, in what way could we put these words into practice in our own life?

Read verses 31-36

What do these verses tell us about Jesus' authority?

Close in prayer.