

He Must Increase, I Must Decrease  
John 3:22-36

Before us is the longest running discourse of John the Baptist where he is commenting about losing his following. In doing so, he gives us four of the most powerful truths man can know in the phrases, “a man can receive nothing unless it is given him from heaven,” “He must increase, but I must decrease,” He “rejoices greatly because of the bridegrooms voice,” and “He who believes in the Son has life.”

I. The scene, v22-26 - a dispute and a glaring reality (John is losing his disciples)

II. John responds to the crisis and speaks of himself, v27-30

III. John speaks of the supremacy of Jesus Christ, v31-35

IV. John declares the consequences of rejecting Jesus, v36

## Words for Kids to Listen for

Dispute

Purification

A man can receive nothing

He must increase but I must decrease

Bridegroom

Friend of the Bridegroom

He who believes in the Son has everlasting life

The wrath of God abides on him