

## Word of God Speak! - Gospel of John Series 3

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*John 3:22-30*

*22 Then Jesus and His disciples left Jerusalem and went into the Judean countryside. Jesus spent some time with them there, baptizing people.*

*23 At this time John the Baptist was baptizing at Aenon, near Salim, because there was plenty of water there; and people kept coming to Him for baptism.*

*24 (This was before John was thrown into prison.)*

*25 A debate broke out between John's disciples and a certain Jew over ceremonial cleansing.*

*26 So John's disciples came to him and said, "Rabbi, the Man you met on the other side of the Jordan River, the One you identified as the Messiah, is also baptizing people. And everybody is going to Him instead of coming to us."*

*John 3:27-30*

*27 John replied, "No one can receive anything unless God gives it from heaven.*

*28 You yourselves know how plainly I told you, 'I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for Him.' 29 It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the bridegroom's friend is simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows. Therefore, I am filled with joy at His success.*

*30 **He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.***

*John 3:31-32*

*31 "He has come from above and is greater than anyone else. We are of the earth, and we speak of earthly things, but He has come from heaven and is greater than anyone else.*

*32 He testifies about what He has seen and heard, but how few believe what He tells them!*

*John 3:33-36*

*33 Anyone who accepts His testimony can affirm that God is true.*

*34 For He is sent by God. He speaks God's words, for God gives Him the Spirit without limit.*

*35 The Father loves His Son and has put everything into His hands.*

*36 And anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry judgment."*

*John 3:30*

*He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.*

**Does this verse reflect the way you live out your life of faith in Jesus? Are you all about Jesus, or all about yourself? How does Jesus become greater in my life?**

*...“Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.”  
Mark 9:35b*

*The greatest among you must be a servant. But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Matthew 23:11-12*

**How do I develop a servant’s heart?**

*John 13:3-9, 12-15*

*3 Jesus knew that the Father had given Him authority over everything and that **He had come from God and would return to God.** 4 So He got up from the table, took off His robe, wrapped a towel around His waist, 5 and poured water into a basin. Then He began to wash the disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel He had around Him. 6 When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to Him, “Lord, are You going to wash my feet?” 7 Jesus replied, *“You don’t understand now what I am doing, but someday you will.”* 8 “No,” Peter protested, “You will never ever wash my feet!” Jesus replied, *“Unless I wash you, you won’t belong to Me.”* 9 Simon Peter exclaimed, “Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!”*

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12 After washing their feet, He put on His robe again and sat down and asked, *“Do you understand what I was doing? 13 You call Me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are right, because that’s what I am. 14 And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. 15 I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.**

*\*See also, Gal. 5:13*

**Jesus served knowing from where He came, why He was sent, and that He would return! You and I should serve with a servant's heart for the same reason.**