



OUR JOY WHEN JESUS INCREASES

John 3:22-36
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SERMON NOTES

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Read John 3:22-36 (Groups: read it twice with different readers)

Why does the Gospel writer, John, transition from the conversation Jesus had with Nicodemus (3:1-21) to the testimony of John the Baptist? What contrast is the Gospel writer drawing our attention to?

What is authentic faith in Jesus? Who must you believe he is? What must you believe he has done? What will you be missing if you ignore his person or work?

Why is John the Baptist's joy complete as he decreases while Jesus increases? How is this view necessary for our fullness of joy?

What is the connection between the initial question about the purification of baptism (v. 25) and John's rejoicing to hear Jesus's voice (v. 29)? Read Revelation 21:9. What is the significance of Jesus being both the Lamb and the Bridegroom?

Read John 10:27. What do those who know Jesus do? How do we hear him today? Why do Christians delight at hearing and following Jesus?

When a believer fails to obey Jesus, what is his or her hope? Why is the grace of God such good news?