
The Gospel Of John
"The Best Man"
John 1:19-34, 3:22-30

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Introduction: We are working our way through John's gospel.

1. John has introduced us to Jesus as the living Word, full of grace and truth.
2. He now introduces us to John the Baptist who played an important supporting role in Jesus' mission.
 - He was the promised forerunner to Jesus the Messiah.
 - He preached a message of repentance, preparing the way for Jesus.
 - He had a dramatic impact on Israel.
3. At the height of his popularity, Jesus came on the scene.
4. Rather than cling to the spotlight, John facilitated a transition that elevated Jesus at the expense of his own significance.
5. That character led Jesus to say none born of women are greater than John the Baptist.
6. He epitomizes what it means to be a steward, and we would be wise to learn from his example.

I. A Steward Recognizes Divine Blessing

A. His Position

B. His Success

II. A Steward Surrenders To God's Will

A. He Rejects A Self-Centered Life

B. He Embraces, Promotes God's Will

Conclusion: John is great because he didn't seek greatness!

1. He sought God and gave his life away to promote Jesus.
2. According to Jesus, we can be even greater.
3. How is that possible?
4. The same way John became great.
5. If we put ourselves first, we will never be great in God's eyes.
6. As we deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him, God will use us as He did John the Baptist.