

HE MUST BECOME GREATER; I MUST BECOME LESS

John 3:22-36

Lesson #8

Key Verse: 3:30

* LOYAL DISCIPLES OF JOHN (22-26)

1. Where and when did this event take place? What sparked the controversy that arose between John's disciples and a certain Jew?
2. Why did John's disciples seem to resent Jesus? What does this show about them?

* THE BRIDE BELONGS TO THE BRIDEGROOM (27-30)

3. What did John mean when he said, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven?? How does this help him have the right view of Jesus' ministry and his own?
4. What had John previously taught about himself? (28) Were these loyal disciples good disciples of John? Why or why not?
5. Who is the bride? the bridegroom? The friend? What special joy does each have? What was John's reason for being joyful? What does this parable teach about the believer's relationship to Jesus?
6. What did John mean by saying, "He must become greater; I must become less"?

* HE WHO COMES FROM ABOVE (31-36)

7. Who is the one who has come from above? The one who is from the earth? Why is the testimony of the one from above valid?
8. What is the general response to his testimony? Why? What is the result of accepting his testimony? What does it mean to certify that God is truthful? (33)
9. Who is the one whom God has sent? What has the Father done for his Son?
10. How does our response to the Son affect our ultimate destiny? What does this teach us about Jesus the Son? Why was it a life and death matter for John's disciples to go to Jesus?