



- What John Had Been Waiting For:
- And Had Been Preparing For:
- His Whole Life!

2. But - Along With That Excitement:

- Over Christ's Exaltation:
  - That John The Baptist Shared With His Disciples:
    - In 3:22-30!
- Now - In 3:31-36:
  - John The Apostle & Writer Of This Gospel:
    - Gives Us A Further Explanation:
      - Of Christ's Exaltation!
  - And This Explanation:
    - Will Be Our Focus This Morning!
      - From 3:31-36!

- "He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. / And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. / He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. / For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure [unto him]. / The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. / He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him!"

3. In These Verses:

- We Discover The Reason Why:
  - It Was Necessary For Jesus:
    - To Be Increasing!
  - And For John The Baptist:
    - To Be Increasing!
- It Was Because Of:
  - The Absolute Superiority Of Jesus Christ:
    - Over & Above All!

4. As We Go Through These Verses:

- We Will See That:
  - Jesus Christ Is Superior:
    - In His Value!
    - In His Vision! And:
    - In His Voice:
      - Over Everything & Everyone!
  - And - Since He Is:
    - Superior **To** Everything:
      - He Must Be Supreme **In** Everything:
        - To You!
    - That Is - The Five-Star Rating:
      - On The Survey Of Your Life:
        - Must Be Exclusively Held:
          - By The Lord Jesus Christ!
  - And So - As We Look Again At:
    - 3:31 - John Wants You To Know First - That:
      - Jesus Christ Is Superior:

1. ***In His Heavenly Value!***

- 3:31 - "He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all!"
  - Here - We Learn That The Reason:
    - Jesus Must Increase & John Must Decrease:
      - Is Because Jesus' Value:
        - Is Infinitely Superior To:
          - John's Value!
  - After All - From The First Part Of This Verse:
    - We See That:

- Jesus Is The One From Heaven!
  - And - Jesus Alone!
    - Jesus Alone Is:
      - “He That Cometh From Above!” (3:31a)
    - Jesus Alone Is:
      - “He That Cometh From Heaven!” (3:31c)
    - And So - Jesus Alone:
      - Is “Above All!”
  - And This Heavenly Origin Reveals To Us:
    - The Person Of Christ:
      - In His Nature As God! As Well As:
    - The Position Of Christ:
      - As The Lord And Master:
        - Of Everything & Everyone:
          - Including You!
- Jesus Christ Is Above All:
  - Because It Is His Nature:
    - To Be Above All!
  - **IE**: Like The Nature Of Helium - Which Is A Gas That Is Lighter Than Air! When You Fill Up A Balloon With Helium - It Wants To Ascend Higher & Higher Into The Sky! Hard To Keep It Down!
  - So It Is With The Heavenly Nature Of Christ!
    - He **Must** Be Above All:
      - Because He Alone:
        - Is From Above!
  - But Then - From The Second Part Of This Verse:
    - We See That:
- John Is The One From Earth!
  - John The Baptist - And Every Other Person In This World:
    - Can Be Described As:
      - “He That Is Of The Earth!”
  - And This Earthly Origin Reveals To Us:
    - All That We Are:
      - In *Our* Nature!
    - Three Times The Same Phrase Is Used:
      - In This Verse:
        - “Of The Earth!”
    - We Who Are:
      - Of The Earth - Are:
        - Of The Earth! “Earthly!”
    - So - Not Only Does The Earth:
      - Describe:
        - Where We Are From - And:
        - Who We Are!
  - It Also Describes:
    - What We Know!
      - We Can Only Speak:
        - “Of The Earth!”
- In Other Words:
  - Jesus Is Superior In His Value:
    - Because - As God:
      - He Is Heavenly!
    - But We - As Men:
      - Are Only “Of The Earth” - Earthly!
    - Jesus Christ Is Infinite!
      - But We Are Finite!
    - Jesus Christ Is The Creator! (Chapter 1)
      - But We Are Creatures!

- And - That Which Is Heavenly:
  - Will Always Rise Above:
    - That Which Is Earthly!
- Jesus Christ Is Absolutely Superior:
  - **To** Everything - In His Heavenly Value!
    - And That Is Why:
      - He Is To Be Supreme:
        - **In** Everything - To You!
  - Is This True For You?
    - How Many Stars Would You Select:
      - If You Surveyed Your Own Heart This Morning?
        - Is His Value Greater To You:
          - Than Anything Else Of Value In This World?
  - Won't You Value & Love:
    - The One Who Came From Above:
      - To Show His Love:
        - For You?
    - A Love That Took Him:
      - From The Glories Of His Heavenly Home:
        - To The Humiliation Of The Cross!
    - He "Came From Above" So That:
      - He Could Save You From Your Sin!
        - By Living For You!
        - By Dying For You!
        - By Coming Back To Life For You!
  - And That Is What Makes Jesus:
    - Superior In His Heavenly Value!
      - He Is The Pearl Of Great Price!
        - Have You Found Him? Do You Believe In Him? Do You Love Him? Is He "Above All" To You?

\* But We Also See - In 3:32-33 - That Jesus Christ Is Superior:

**2. In His Heavenly Vision!**

- 3:32-33 - "And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. / He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true!"
  - **IE:** One Of The Things I Do Like About Social Media Platforms Like Facebook - Is That I Get To See Things That I Wouldn't Otherwise Get To See! I've Never Been To Alaska, But I Have An Former Classmate Who Lives There, And Posts Some Of The Most Beautiful Pictures From There! And Through Those Pictures - I Get To See What She Sees! My Eyes Can Go To Where Her Eyes Have Gone! In A Sense - Her Vision Becomes My Vision!
    - But - The Most Beautiful Things Are Not Earthly Realities, But Heavenly Realities!
      - So - How Can We See Them? How Can We Know Them? Only Through:
  - The Revelation Of Christ!
    - According To 3:32a - The One Who Came From Heaven:
      - Did Something For Us!
        - "And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth!"
    - Jesus Came To Reveal:
      - The Glory And Beauty Of Heaven:
        - To Earth-Bound People Like Us!
    - He Came To Reveal:
      - The Heavenly **Things:**
        - That He Had Seen:
          - With His Own Divine Eyes!
        - "Things" That We Could:
          - Never See With Our Own Earthly Eyes!
            - Because - He Dwells "In The Light Which No Man Can Approach Unto!" (1 Timothy 6:16)
    - Also - Jesus Came To Reveal:

- The Heavenly **Truths**:
  - That He Heard:
    - With His Own Divine Ears!
  - “Truths” That Were Discussed:
    - Within The Eternal Counsels Of The Godhead!
- And - If You Want To Know:
  - About Those Beautiful, Heavenly Things:
    - Jesus Is The Only One Who:
      - Can Testify & Tell You About Them!
  - He’s Seen Those Heavenly Things & Heard Those Heavenly Truths:
    - Because He’s From There!
- And - His Heavenly Vision:
  - Is Far Superior To:
    - Any Other Vision You Might Ever Get:
      - In This World!
  - But - Sadly - What Do So Many People Do With:
    - His Revelation? See Next:
- The Rejection Of Christ!
  - 3:32b - “And no man receiveth his testimony!”
    - So - Even Though Jesus Is Revealing:
      - Wonderful Heavenly Things:
        - “No Man Receiveth His Testimony!”
    - John Told Us Something Similar:
      - Back In 1:11 - “He came unto his own, and his own received him not!”
  - What Sad Words!
    - This Is Even True, Sometimes:
      - For Those Who Believe In Christ!
    - We May Hear:
      - **Some** Of His Words:
        - But - Do We Hear:
          - **All** Of Them?
      - Not Just With Our Ears:
        - But - With Our Hearts?
    - We May Heed:
      - **Some** Of His Words:
        - But - Do We Heed:
          - **All** Of Them?
  - “No Man Receiveth His Testimony!”
    - This Is Why We Need To Ask The Lord To:
      - Open Our Eyes:
        - That We Might See!
      - Open Our Ears:
        - That We Might Hear!
      - Open Our Hearts:
        - That We Might Receive And Believe In The Testimony Of Christ - More And More!
  - And - When The Lord Is Pleased:
    - To Answer Our Plea - Then There Can Be:
- The Reception Of Christ:
  - That John Tells Us About Next In:
    - 3:33 - “He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true!”
  - When You Realize That:
    - Jesus’ Vision Of Things:
      - Is Far Superior:
        - Than Any Other Vision! And:
  - When You Receive:
    - His Testimony About Those Things:
      - Then - You “Set To Your Seal That God Is True!”

- **IE**: Seals Were Used In Bible Times More Often Than Today - But - They Are Still Used Today
- For Important Correspondence! Used To Be Authorized To Notarize Documents & Do Signature Guarantees! Loved To Emboss The Seal!
  - But - What Did It Mean? I “Set My Seal” Upon A Document - Not To Verify The Contents - But To Verify The Signature & Identity Of The One Whose Document It Was!
- So - When You Believe In & Receive:
  - The Words **Of** Jesus Christ:
    - At The Same Time:
      - You Are Confirming & Certifying:
        - That All The Words **About** Jesus Christ:
          - Are True As Well!
- Belief In Jesus And His Testimony:
  - Goes Hand-In-Hand With:
    - Belief In God And His Testimony:
      - As Found In The Bible!
    - Because - The Entire Bible:
      - Is God's Word **About** Jesus!
  - This Means That:
    - If You Don't Believe In:
      - Christ - And His Words:
        - You Make God A Liar!
    - But - If You Don't Believe In:
      - God - And His Words:
        - As Found In The Bible:
          - You Make Christ A Liar!
  - 1 John 5:10 - “He that believeth not God, hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son!”
- So - What Will You Do:
  - With The Vision Of Christ?
    - And His Testimony About The Things:
      - He Has Seen & Heard?
  - Jesus Is Absolutely Superior:
    - In His Heavenly Vision!
      - And That Is Why:
        - He Is To Be Supreme:
          - In Everything - To You!
    - Will You Reject His Vision?
      - Or - Will You Receive His Vision?
  - Keep Looking To Jesus:
    - To See What You Need To See Most!
    - To Hear What You Need To Hear Most!
    - To Know What You Need To Know Most!
      - Because - Any Other Vision Of Things:
        - Is Faulty! **IE**: Recent Phenomenon In Technology - Deep Fakes! May Look Real & Sound Real! But Its Not - Its Fake!
  - Jesus Christ Is Above All:
    - Because His Heavenly Vision:
      - Is Ever True!

\* Then We Also See - In 3:34-35 - That Jesus Christ Is Superior:

### 3. ***In His Heavenly Voice!***

- 3:34-35 - “For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure [unto him]. / The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand!”
- According To This Verse:
  - Jesus Was **Sent** By God:
    - To **Speak** For God!
  - And Jesus Was Faithful:
    - In His Mission & With His Message!

- And Now - You Can Listen To & Trust In:
  - His Voice - Because Of:
- God's Infinite Supply:
  - To Christ!
    - According To 3:34b - "For God Giveth Not The Spirit By Measure Unto Him!"
      - In This One Verse - We Get A Glimpse:
        - Of The Mystery Of The Trinity!
  - Because - In This One Verse:
    - We Have God The Father:
      - Who Is The Sender!
    - We Have God The Son:
      - Who Is The Speaker! And:
    - We Have God The Holy Spirit:
      - Who Is Being Supplied By The Father To The Son!
  - And - This Unbroken Connection:
    - Between The Father & The Son & The Holy Spirit:
      - Ensures That Whatever Jesus Says:
        - Is So! It Is True!
      - "For God Giveth Not The Spirit By Measure Unto Him!"
    - Now - God Used Other Prophets:
      - To Give Us His Word In The Past!
        - And - He Inspired Them Through The Holy Spirit:
          - But Only "By Measure!"
    - But - When God The Father:
      - Sent God The Son:
        - There Was No Such Limit!
          - **IE**: No Measuring Cup!
      - So That Every Word & Even Every Act Of Christ:
        - Revealed Something About God To Man!
  - And - That's Why:
    - The Voice Of Jesus:
      - Is Superior To Any Other Voice!
        - Its Because Of God's Infinite Supply To Christ Of His Spirit!
          - But Its Also Because Of:
- God's Infinite Love:
  - For Christ!
    - According To 3:35 - "The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand!"
      - And That Infinite Love & Trust Motivated Christ:
        - To Say What He Said & To Do What He Did:
          - Faithfully!
  - So - Once Again:
    - Jesus Is Absolutely Superior:
      - **To Anything** - In His Heavenly Voice!
        - And That Is Why:
          - He Is To Be Supreme:
            - **In Everything** - To You!
      - Whose Voice Are You Listening To Most Today?
        - Whose Voice Do You Trust Most?
          - Whose Voice Is Supreme?
      - There Are So Many Voices:
        - That Are Trying To Get Your Attention!
          - In The News!
          - In Movies & TV Shows!
          - In Podcasts!
          - Even Well-Meaning Friends And Family!
      - Instead - Listen To The Voice Of Christ:
        - More Than Any Other Voice:
          - That Is Out There!

- Because - His Voice Alone:
  - Is The Voice Of The Triune God!
    - That Is - The Will Of The Father, The Son, And The Holy Spirit:
      - Is Expressed In Every One Of His Words!
- And - You Can't Go Wrong:
  - If You Listen To & Live According To:
    - His Voice!

**Conclusion:**

1. So - Why Is Jesus To Be Supreme:
  - In Your Life?
    - Its Not Just:
      - To See How Many Five-Star Ratings There Are!
        - No - Its Far More Serious Than That!
  - Jesus Is To Be Supreme:
    - In Your Life Because:
      - It Is A Matter Of Life And Death!
2. And That Is Why:
  - In The Last Verse Of John 3:
    - John Reminds Us Of The Hope:
      - That Jesus Offers:
        - When You Believe In Him!
    - As Well As The Hopelessness:
      - That You Are In:
        - If You Refuse To Believe In Him!
  - 3:36 - "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him!"
3. When You Believe In Jesus:
  - You Can Have Real Hope:
    - Because His Value & Vision & Voice:
      - Is Superior To Everything!
        - And - Because He Alone Is Faithful & True!
  - If You Need This Hope - And:
    - If You Want This Hope:
      - Then Let This Be God's Call To You!
        - Hear It & Believe In Christ!
          - Love Him! Look To Him! And Listen To Him!
      - And - You Will Not Regret It!
4. But - If You Don't Believe In Jesus:
  - Your Hopelessness Is Real Too:
    - Because - "The Wrath Of God [Already] Abideth On You!"
      - In A Very Real Sense:
        - Both Heaven And Hell:
          - Begin Here On Earth!
      - It All Depends On:
        - "What Will You Do With Jesus?"
    - If You Don't Believe In Jesus:
      - Its Further Proof Of:
        - A Stubborn & Disobedient Heart!
      - And - If You Find Yourself In This Hopelessness:
        - Then Let This Be God's Caution To You!
          - Because - What You Do With Jesus:
            - Matters - Now & For All Eternity!
  - 5. But - The Reason We Have These Verses:
    - Is So That You **Will** Believe & Trust In Jesus!
      - Because Of His Superior Value:
        - Jesus Alone Can Bring You To Heaven:
          - So That His Home Can Be Your Home!



- Because Of His Superior Vision:
    - Jesus Alone Can Show You:
      - “Great And Mighty Things, Which Thou Knowest Not!” (Jeremiah 33:3)
  - Because Of His Superior Voice:
    - Jesus Alone Can Speak Into Your Ears:
      - “Words Of Life And Beauty!”
6. Since Jesus Christ Is Superior:
  - **To** Everything - Trust In Him - And:
    - Make Him Supreme **In** Everything:
      - In Your Heart & In Your Life!

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