

## John 3:22-30

# Baptism & the Baptizer

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### 1) Why Baptism? – v. 22-24

- a) John's Baptism – v. 23
- b) Jesus' Baptism – v. 22, 26, 4:1-2

### 2) Whose Baptism? – v. 25-26

- a) *Which Baptism is from God?*
  
- b) *Should we look for Another?*
  1. OT Prophecies – only one Messiah
  2. Jesus' own Teaching
    - Parable culminates in coming of the Son – Matt 21:33-44
    - Command to not look for another – Matt 24:11, 23-24
  3. NT Statements of the Apostles – Heb 1:1-4, Rev 1:5-7,17-18, Rev 21:17-18

### 3) Joy vs. Jealousy – v. 26-30

- a) As a Receiver – v. 27
  
- b) As a Servant – v. 28
  
- c) Joy of the Best Man – v. 29
  
- d) Paradoxical Path – v. 30 (Col 3:1-4)

#### Praxis

1. What does water baptism signify? What does the fact that you can't baptize yourself signify?
2. How does John's initial response to his disciples in John 3:27 inform our own response to all types of jealousy?
3. How does submitting your life to Jesus' joy actually lead to your own joy?
4. In what instances have you actually experienced real joy by pursuing Jesus' joy?