

**Study of John**  
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**KEY VERSES:** 20:30-31

**OBJECT OF BELIEF:** "Behold the Lamb of God"

**DISCIPLES BELIEF GROWING:** GATHERING OF HIS OWN (6:65-71) / MINISTERING TO HIS CLOSE DISCIPLES / DISCIPLED BY HIS WRITERS / RESURRECTION AND APPEARANCES TO HIS DISCIPLES

**CONFLICT WITH JEWS:** PEOPLE'S UNBELIEF INTENSIFYING

**PHASES:** ERA OF INCARNATION BEGINS, YEARS OF CONFLICT, DAY OF PREPARATION, HOUR OF SACRIFICE, DAWN OF VICTORY, EPILOGUE

**KEY WORDS:** before (18), with (28), Jan (17), Rev (10), glory (4), the Father (10), mercy, words (2), light, answers, love, believe, the whole, heart's word, judgment, name

**CHAPTERS:** 1-4: Public Ministry; 5-12: Private Ministry

**THREE YEARS:** Signs wrought (miracles); Self-revealed (discourses)

**FEW DAYS:** Signs wrought (miracles); Self-revealed (discourses)

**Footnotes:** —Fast Passages of John: 2:12, 3:1, 6:4, 11:15; —Peculiar to John

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**John 3:22-36**    Session 6

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**John 3:22-24** <sup>22</sup>After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He remained with them and baptized. <sup>23</sup>Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and were baptized. <sup>24</sup>For John had not yet been thrown into prison.

- What was Jesus doing in Judea?
- What was the message of John the Baptist?
- Why do you think John continued to baptize after announcing the arrival of the Messiah?

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**John 3:25-26** <sup>25</sup>Then there arose a dispute between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purification. <sup>26</sup>And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified—behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!"

- What might the Jews find to argue about regarding purification?
- What is the mood of the disciple's proclamation to John about what Jesus was doing?
- Why do you think John's disciples referred to Jesus as "He who was with you beyond the Jordan"?

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**John 3:27-30** <sup>27</sup>John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. <sup>28</sup>You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.' <sup>29</sup>He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. <sup>30</sup>He must increase, but I must decrease.

- Is John alarmed at this news of the activities of Jesus?
- To whom does John give credit for his following?
- What fact does John reiterate to the disciples during this discussion?
- What is the purpose of the friend of the bridegroom?
- What must Jesus do in conjunction with what John must do?

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John 3:31-33 <sup>31</sup> He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. <sup>32</sup> And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. <sup>33</sup> He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true.

- How does Jesus' coming from above impact where we are in relation to Him?
- What is the importance of what He has seen and heard?
- What impact do we have when we accept the testimony of Christ? T

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John 3:34-36 <sup>34</sup> For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure. <sup>35</sup> The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. <sup>36</sup> He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

- On what authority did Jesus speak?
- What does it mean that the Spirit was not given by measure?
- Why must we accept the Son to have everlasting life?
- What is the consequence for not accepting the Son?

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Wrap Up

Any further comments?

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