

Humble, Yet Lionhearted!

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Text: John 3:31-36

Passage Summary: As we learn and grow in what it means to become a God glorifying ______ for Christ, the life and ministry of John the Baptist is a great place to _____; for as Jesus would say of him...

"I tell you the truth: Amosng those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist;" Matthew 11:11

<u>180 Degree Truth #1</u>: See that Jesus has _____ praise for the _____ witness that seeks to wholly serve and glorify His Name! (3:31-36)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to a humble witness for Christ, it is summarized well in the words of John the Baptist in verse 30...

• "He must become _____; I must become _____"! (v.31-36)

See how the witness of John the Baptist merits such high praise from Jesus...

He understood the _______ for Jesus' ______! (v.31-34)

"The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all." John 3:31

He understood the ______ *of Jesus'* _____! (v.35-36)

"The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." "While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

Matthew 17:5

<u>Remember</u>: When it comes to a John the Baptist type witness in these last days, it is one that is ______, yet _____; and only as the Spirit produces both in the life of the believer can God bring forth the kind of witness that will pierce the darkness of our culture to lead a lost and dying world to Christ!

"What can we do to advance the Kingdom of God for the glory of God, and to stem the tide of evil in our land until Jesus comes?" Gary Hamrick

"Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." Psalm 82:3-4

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine that in order to grow in becoming a lionhearted witness in these last days, you need a growing vision of another Lion, the soon returning _______ of the tribe of ______, who will rule and reign in power, and of whom every knee will bow before Him!

"So come on, my soul Oh, don't you get shy on me Lift up your song 'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs Get up and praise the Lord" **Brandon Lake, Gratitude**

"Our God is the lion The Lion of Judah He's roaring with power And fighting our battles And every knee will bow before Him" Leeland, Lion and the Lamb