

**Finding joy in loving Jesus more than yourself**  
**(Jn 3.22-36; 01-17-21am)**

**Central Point:** The greatest joy in Christian life is seeing your life make a difference for Jesus.

**I. The greatness of John the Baptist: finding joy in a supporting role (25-30)**

A. Many temptations come with a following: being in competition with Jesus (25-26)

B. Understanding God's plan for all ministry: finding joy in promoting Jesus (27-28)

C. True joy in Christian life: loving Jesus more than fame or followers (29-30)

**II. The supremacy of Jesus: Son of God came to reveal the true God (31-36)**

A. Jesus shares a personal, eternal, relationship with God (31)

B. Jesus speaks the "*words of God*" with the full authority of God (32-35)

C. Jesus shows the way to God: so we might escape the "*wrath of God*" (36)

Revelations

1. As God was a husband to Israel (His people); Jesus is a husband for the church (29)

2. Jesus is supreme over the earth (31, 35)

3. Jesus is true evidence of God's existence (33)

4. Jesus is the only way to God (36)

Applications

1. Recognize that God is sovereign over your place in life and be grateful for His providence

2. Point the way to Jesus and get out of the way

3. Pray for like-minded, gospel-advancing, sister churches