



The Life of Jesus

A CHRONOLOGICAL STUDY

Lesson 23: He *dei* increase – I *dei* decrease for the Slain Lamb John 3:22-36

I. vv.22-24

A. v.22 – *meta tauta* – “after this” – doesn’t mean “immediately after”

1. Jesus *diatribo* (remained, stayed, spent some time) with them
 - Only time word is used in any Gospel - 8 times in Acts
 - Jesus models discipleship – spending time together with the Word

2. Jesus baptized people? No - John 4:2: (*although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples*)

B. v.23 – Where was Aenon? Who knows? Aenon means “place of the springs”

C. v.24 – Mark 1:14-15

II. vv.25-26

A. v.25 – Might be a nod to the wedding at Cana because the water/wine was in cleansing pots

- Mark 7 tells of Pharisees/scribes arguing with disciples about hand washing

B. v.26 – Only time in this Gospel where John gives anyone else other than Jesus the title of Rabbi

III. vv.27-28

A. v.27 – JTB realizes his ministry/purpose was to be a witness to the Light (Chapter 1) and to come before the Messiah - That ministry is a gift from heaven and was given to him

B. Are we any different? Spiritualgiftstest.com

C. v.28 - John reiterates what they have already affirmed: he is the *martyreo* and not the Christ

- This the Greek word translated as witness or testifies
- 79 times word is in NT and John uses it 33 times in his Gospel - Where English word martyr comes from

1. Why is his joy now complete? Luke 1:14-17

IV. v.30

1. Increase: Only time John uses the word - Most time in reference to plants - Lillies of the field and parable of the sower

2. Decrease: in NT 3 times - In Hebrews 2 where Jesus is lower than the angels for a little while
Both words are verbs

V. vv.31-36 - Jesus contrasted to JTB

<u>Jesus</u>	<u>John the Baptist</u>
The Light (<u>1:7-8</u>)	Witness to the Light
The Word (<u>1:14</u>)	The voice (<u>1:23</u>)
Baptizes with Spirit (<u>1:33</u>)	Baptizes with water

VI. How much agape does God have?

A. God sent His *monogenes hios* to the *kosmos* fully knowing He would be crucified
- The Word “tabernacled” among us (1:14)

- Is the amazing thing that Jesus became a man or that He remains a man seated next to God on the throne?

B. After the resurrection...

1. Describing the 2nd Coming from prophesy - Zechariah 12:10

2. John 20:14: *Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.*

3. Luke 24:28-35 – Emmaus Road

4. John 21:12 - *Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.*

5. Isaiah 50:6

6. Isaiah 52-53

a. 52:14: his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind

b. 53:5: But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities

7. Revelation 5

VII. My “Take Aways”

- How often do we count the cost of the slain Lamb?
- God so loved whosoever in the world and sent His Son to be slain for MY sin
- He is worthy to be increased
- And I *dei* decrease

Questions? Comments? Thoughts?
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