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John the Baptist

Living as a witness to Jesus

John 3:22-30

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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and **you will be my witnesses**

in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.”

(The risen Jesus, Acts 1:8)

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**John the Baptist =
what a witness to Jesus looks like**

(See John 1:6-8; John 1:29)

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To be a witness for Jesus in this world –

- We need to know WHO JESUS IS
- We need to know WHO WE ARE
- We need a hunger to know MORE OF JESUS

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John the Baptist –

- Knows WHO JESUS IS
- Knows WHERE HE FITS in God's plans

“I am not the Messiah” (v.28)

= a life-changing truth

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John the Baptist –

- Knows WHO JESUS IS
- Knows WHERE HE FITS in God's plans

**“I am not the Messiah –
but I know who the real Messiah is!”**

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John the Baptist –

- Knows WHO JESUS IS
- Knows WHERE HE FITS in God's plans

Jesus is the bridegroom + we are his bride (v.29)

The gospel is a love story!

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“As a young man marries a young woman,
So will [your God] marry you;
As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
So will your God rejoice over you.”
(Isaiah 62:5)



“I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride beautifully dressed
for her husband.” (Revelation 21:2)

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John the Baptist –

- Knows WHO JESUS IS
- Knows WHERE HE FITS in God's plans
- Was hungry to know MORE OF JESUS

**“He must become greater;
I must become less.” (v.30)**

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- We need to know WHO WE ARE
- We need a hunger to know MORE OF JESUS

“I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.”

(Philippians 3:10-14)