

# The Revelation of Jesus, the New Master

## John 03: 22-36

### 1. *The setting for the revelation*

- a. Jesus and His disciples were baptizing in Judea
- b. John and his disciples were baptizing close by
- c. The two basic questions of life were asked by John's disciples
  - 1) Who really purifies man's heart?
  - 2) Who is the supreme Master, the One who should be followed?

### 2. *Answer 1:*

***Jesus alone was God's appointed Messiah***

- a. God alone appoints men
- b. God had not appointed John as the Messiah but as the forerunner

### 3. *Answer 2:*

***Jesus alone was the Bridegroom***

- a. He is the One by whom the friend stands
- b. He is the voice that is to be heard
- c. He is the cause of joy
- d. He is the only object of loyalty

22 After this,

Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized.

23 Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were constantly coming to be baptized.

24 (This was before John was put in prison.)

25 An argument developed between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing.

26 They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan – the one you testified about – well, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him."

27 To this John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven.

28 You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him.'

29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete.

30 He must become greater; I must become less."

**4. Answer 3:**

***Jesus alone was from above  
- from heaven***

- a. Meaning: "Out of"
- b. Result: Jesus is above all

**5. Answer 4:**

***Jesus alone was God's Spokesman***

- a. He testifies
- b. Some reject His testimony
- c. Some accept and seal His testimony
  
- d. Proof: He was sent from God  
and speaks God's Word

**6. Answer 5:**

***Jesus alone had the Spirit without limit***

**7. Answer 6:**

***Jesus alone determines man's destiny***

- a. To believe Him brings eternal life
- b. Not to believe Him brings wrath

31 "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.

32 He testifies to what he has seen and heard,  
but no one accepts his testimony.

33 The man who has accepted it  
has certified that God is truthful.

34 For the one whom God has sent  
speaks the words of God,  
  
for God gives the Spirit without limit.

35 The Father loves the Son  
and has placed everything in his hands.

36 Whoever believes in the Son  
has eternal life,  
but whoever rejects the Son  
will not see life,  
for God's wrath remains on him."