

Text: John 3:22-36

Title: The Baptist's final Exaltation of Jesus

22-26 - A Situation that brings Exaltation

22-24 - Baptizing in the country where the water is plentiful

25-26 - A discussion leading to jealousy

27-30 - The Joy of a Servant to See his Master Exalted

27 - I cannot be jealous because everything we have is from God

28 - I am not Christ, but have been sent to point others to him

29 - My joy overflows as I see God's mission unfold

30 - My necessary conclusion: He must increase, but I must decrease

31-36 - See the significance of John the Baptist's Joy

31 - There is no comparing John and Jesus. Jesus is God

32-33 - To reject Jesus is to reject God & his Word.

34-35 - Jesus is the sent Son of God, loved by the Father, and ruler over all

36 - We are left with only two options: belief or disbelief

Questions:

1. What stood out to you in John 3:22-36?
2. John's disciples were jealous of Jesus' popularity. John responds by saying that his ministry is from God. He will not be jealous because God gives everything (3:26-27). Why is it so hard for us to remember that God is in control when things are not going the way we want?
3. Why is John so full of joy (29-30)? How can we join John in rejoicing in Jesus' exaltation?
4. Do you agree that there is wonderful freedom in saying and believing, "He must increase, but I must decrease"? Think about one area of your life where you are tempted to be most important. What are you going to do this week to give space for Jesus to be most important in that area?
5. Which description of Jesus is most meaningful to you from verses 31-36?

Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Tag

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Ending

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
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He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

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Behold Our God

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Bridge

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
(REPEAT)

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill)

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