

V. LET GOD BE **BIGGER** (3:30)

*“23 Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*

*24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.”*

Luke 9:23-24

*“I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.”*

I Corinthians 15:31

VI. BELIEVE THE **TRUTH** ABOUT JESUS (3:31-36)

- Jesus is **divine** (v 31).

*“For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”*

Colossians 1:16

- Jesus is **dependable** (vs 32-34).

*“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”*

Mark 13:31

- Jesus is the **deliverer** (v 36).

*“14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,*

*15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”*

Hebrews 2:14-15

**ARE YOU LIVING A GREAT LIFE  
IN THE SIGHT OF GOD?**

*“For he will be great in the sight of the Lord,...”* Luke 1:15a

**THE GREATEST (John The Baptist)  
The Greatness Of John’s Humility  
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**INTRODUCTION**

**A.** In sports there’s an acronym used to describe the greatest of all time. It’s the phrase “G.O.A.T.” It stands for the GREATEST OF ALL TIME. It is common for fans to argue over who is the greatest of all time in the various sports. But whose the greatest person ever born...the G.O.A.T. when it comes to everyone who has ever lived? Well, in this area there is no debate. Jesus made it clear that John the Baptist was “THE GREATEST,” the true G.O.A.T.

*“Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he”* Matthew 11:11

**B.** What made John stand out that Jesus singled him out as the greatest? There were seven great qualities that made John so great. In THE GREATEST teaching series you will learn how to live a great life by adding John’s seven qualities to your life. This eight part series features the following messages:

Aug 25	Who Was John The Baptist?
Sep 1	The Greatness Of John’s Parents
Sep 8 AM	The Greatness Of John’s Dedication
Sep 8 PM	The Greatness Of John’s Message
Sep 15	The Greatness Of John’s Obedience
TODAY	The Greatness Of John’s Humility
Sept 29	The Greatness Of John’s Courage
Oct 6	The Greatness of John’s Burning And Shining Light

God has called all of us to greatness so plan now to attend this series as much as possible.

**C. Text:** John 3:22-36 (Pew Bible/Page 1044/New Test.)

## THE GREATNESS OF JOHN'S HUMILITY

Three thoughts about humility:

- If you really want to be something then you must become nothing.
- If you want to go up in life then you must learn to come down.
- If you want more of God then there must be less of you.

### I. AVOID THE **COMPARISON** TRAP (3:22-26)

*“For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.”* II Corinthians 10:12

*18 Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.”*

*19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me.”*

*20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?”*

*21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this man?”*

*22 Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.”* John 21:18-22

### II. KNOW **EVERYTHING** COMES FROM GOD (3:27)

*“And he said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.”* Job 1:21

*“For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?”*

I Corinthians 4:7

*“And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth,…”* Deuteronomy 8:18a

*“Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”* I Corinthians 4:2

### III. **BLOOM** WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED (3:28)

*“6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.*

*8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.”* John 1:6-8

*“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”* Romans 12:3

*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”* Ephesians 2:10

### IV. FIND JOY IN **SERVING** (3:29)

*“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”* Galatians 5:13

*“But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.”* Matthew 23:11

*“For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”* Hebrews 6:10