

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 3:31-36

Jesus above All

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He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

John 3:31-36

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JESUS ABOVE ALL

1. Identity: Jesus is above all (vv. 31-32a)
 - His heavenly origin (end of v.31)
 - His heavenly knowledge (v. 32)

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Response: Jesus is rejected by all (vv. 32b-33)

 - See John 1:10-13; 3:3-8, 19-21

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1. Identity: Jesus is above all (vv. 31-32a)

Response: Jesus is rejected by all (vv. 32b-33)
2. Identity: Jesus is the perfect representative of God (vv. 34-35)
 - Sent by God (v.34a)
 - Speaks the words of God (v.34b)
 - Was given the Spirit without measure (v.34c) - See John 1:33; Isaiah 11:2; 42:1; 61:1
 - Loved by the Father (v.35a, plus John 5:20; 10:17; 15:9; 17:23, 24, 26)
 - The Father has given all authority to the Son

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Response: Worship! (v. 36)

 - There are only two alternatives:
 - Worship: Belief in Jesus as the Son of God
 - Rejection: Disobedience to Jesus's claims

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