

Jesus must Increase, but John must Decrease

- John 1:35-45 Jesus gets 4 of John's disciples
- John 3:22-30 Jesus must Increase, but John must Decrease
- John 3:31-36 John preaches the gospel of Christ
- John 4:1-3 Jesus responds to condition referred to in John 3:26
- Matthew 11:2-6 John's question from prison – are You the coming One?
1. He knows He's the Lamb of God – redeemer – John 1:29
 2. He knows He is preexistent – John 1:30 and baptizes with the Holy Spirit, and is the Son of God – John 1:33-34
 3. He knows that He is God the Son, author of salvation – John 3:36
 4. Well... is He also the Messiah? Is he going to restore the Kingdom?

(John wasn't a doubter – he was guessing at the truth and wanted clarification!)

Jesus Answers:

1. Blind receive sight...Isaiah 35:56a
2. Poor have gospel preached to them...Isaiah 61:1-3
3. Blessed is he who does not take offense at Me...Isaiah 8:13-15

Matthew 11:12-14 Jesus predicts rejection and violence
Malachi 4:5, Matthew 17:10-13, 22-23 (Revelation 11?)

Matthew 14:3-12 The death of John the Baptist