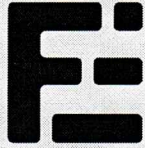


John 3:30
"Giving Up to Gain"

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FRESH ENCOUNTER

GIVING UP TO GAIN

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"He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)

INTRODUCTION

- John the Baptist had a short & intensive ministry
- Put to death by Herod Antipas tetrarch in Galilee

1. YOUR Status

a. Testimony

- Jn 1:19-24 Voice in the wilderness
* quote from Is 40:3
- See also Mt 3:1-12, Mk 1:1-8, Lk 3:1-20

b. More than a prophet

- Mt 11:7-10

c. Counted as a prophet (Mt 14:4-5)

2. YOUR Service

a. To announce the Messiah

b. Jn 1:26-28 Jesus preferred above John

c. Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit (Mt 3:11)

d. Jn 3:30 John said, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

3. YOUR Comfort

- a. Jesus came to be baptized by John
 - Mt 3:13-17 John wanted to baptize Jesus
 - * But Jesus said, "... Permit my baptism now. It is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness"
- b. John obeyed Jesus command

CONCLUSION

- c. Jesus disciples baptized people in Judea (Jn 3:22-36)
 - Jn 3:22, 4:1-2 more baptized than John
 - Dispute between John's disciples & Jewish rulers
 - Complaint that Jesus more popular than John (3:26)
 - John was not jealous... the voice to declare Messiah (Jn 3:28)

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