



HE MUST INCREASE

JOHN 3:22-36

Jewish purification;

MARK 7:2-3

² They saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders...

God: the supreme source;

JAMES 1:17

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

JOHN 19:10-11

¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" ¹¹ Jesus answered him, "*You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above...*"

1 CORINTHIANS 4:6-7

⁶ I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another.

⁷ For who sees anything different in you?

The focus on 'the voice';

JOHN 3:8

⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and *you hear its sound*, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

JOHN 5:25

²⁵ "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when *the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.*

JOHN 10:3-4

³ To him the gatekeeper opens. *The sheep hear his voice*, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, *for they know his voice.*

JOHN 10:16

¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and *they will listen to my voice*. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

JOHN 11:43

⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with *a loud voice*, "Lazarus, come out."

JOHN 12:28

²⁸ Father, glorify your name." *Then a voice came from heaven:* "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

JOHN 12:30

³⁰ Jesus answered, "*This voice* has come for your sake, not mine."

JOHN 18:37

³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. *Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.*”

John's identity is now melted completely into the Savior's;

JOHN 1:23

²³ He said, “*I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’* as the prophet Isaiah said.”

GALATIANS 2:20

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

COLOSSIANS 3:3

³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

The selectiveness of John;

JOHN 21:25

²⁵ Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

John the Witness: the model response to God's sovereign self-exaltation;

JOHN 6:37

³⁷ All that the Father *gives* me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

JOHN 1:11-12

¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he *gave* the right to become children of God...