

## Sunday 13 September

### “What place do you give to Jesus” (John 3:22-36)

Introduction: Who is Jesus to you? How are we to view ourselves in relation to Jesus?

#### 1. The Problem: Competition from Jesus (verses 22-26)

#### 2. The Correction (verses 27-30)

i) I’m not the Messiah, but the one sent ahead of Him (vv. 27-28)

ii) I’m like the bride awaiting the bridegroom (vv. 29-30)

#### 3. The Reasoning: Why is Jesus’ Supremely Relevant to you? (verses 31-36)

Four gems from John for us: why not memorise one, or memorise all?

*“I am not the Messiah” (v. 28)*

*“He must increase. I must decrease.” (v. 30)*

*“The One who comes from above is above all!” (v. 31)*

*“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.” (v. 36)*

For reflection: how might you gladly give Jesus more of the place He deserves? Which areas of life come to mind?