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**John's Nativity Passage Series #2: The Greatest Man**

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**John 1:6-11, 15** <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. . . .  
<sup>15</sup>(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'")

**John 7:28** I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John, yet even the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." (BSB)

- I. Here are the **comparisons** between John the Baptist and Jesus Christ.
  - A. John's conception was unusual, but Jesus's was **supernatural**.
  - B. John was sent from God; Jesus was Fully **God** and fully **man**. 6
  - C. John was a witness to the light; Jesus was **The** Light. V. 8-9
  - D. John was a created human being; Jesus was The **Creator**! V. 10
  - E. John was born first but Jesus still existed **before** him. V. 15
- II. What effect should this have on our view of the world and our **behavior**?
  - A. Jesus cannot be **dismissed** as just another "religious dude".
  - B. No **human** teacher should have the place of God in our life.
  - C. We must **receive** Him as our God!
  - D. We must **submit** to Him as our Lord!