

We Would See Jesus

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

John the Baptist had a powerful, though brief, impact on his generation. He was “*a burning and shining light*” though only “*for a season*”. How refreshingly different it is to observe a man so devoid of self who willingly bowed out of the limelight in the stead of one so much his superior. In the modern context we observe the venal politicians unwilling to cede their pretentious thrones of power, tenaciously clinging to the levers of power until they are run out of office. Even then they pine for recognition, dedicate libraries to themselves, and speak of their legacy ad nauseam. But for our consideration today is the Baptist, who was content to find a servile position that Christ might be magnified in the eyes of his followers. In so doing, John affords to us a sterling example of true discipleship.

In days of yore it was customary for the royal page to clear the passageway with the officious command “Make way for the King!”. It is the obligation of every minister of the mysteries of God to politely get out of the way. Servants of God do well to remember that no one attends their meetings to see them or to hear their words. Like the Greeks of John 12:21, the people “*would see Jesus*”. Let us assiduously clear the pathway of all things which obscure and detract from the King.

So easily do we fall into the trap of considering ourselves to be more important than we actually are. Admittedly, we all have an “I” problem. John’s credo was “*I must decrease*”. The chief purpose of man is to bring glory to his creator and this is best accomplished by hiding beneath the shadow of the cross. Psalms 40:16: *Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.*

Have a blessed week,

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