

THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS
(John 3:31-36)

- I. Because of His HEAVENLY ORIGIN (3:31)
 - A. Jesus comes FROM ABOVE, so He is ABOVE ALL
 - 1. In general, He is SOVEREIGN over the UNIVERSE
 - 2. In particular, He is SOVEREIGN over HUMANITY
 - B. Those “of the EARTH” have earth-bound KNOWLEDGE
 - 1. Human PREACHING depends on divine REVELATION
 - 2. Human AUTHORITY depends on divine DELEGATION

- II. Because of His FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE (3:32-33)
 - A. He has first-hand EXPERIENCE in the HEAVENLY REALM
 - B. He is the SOURCE of divine REVELATION
 - C. “NO ONE receives His TESTIMONY”
 - D. The one who receives His testimony CERTIFIES its TRUTH

- III. Because of His COMMISSIONING by the FATHER (3:34)
 - A. He was SENT from the very PRESENCE of the Father
 - B. He SPEAKS the very WORDS of the Father
 - C. The Father gave Him the Spirit in IMMEASURABLE fullness

- IV. Because of His Being the OBJECT of the Father's LOVE (3:35-36)
 - A. The Father "has given ALL THINGS into His HAND"
 - B. The one "who BELIEVES in the Son HAS ETERNAL LIFE"
 - C. The unbeliever will NEVER POSSESS that LIFE
 - 1. Indicates that to BELIEVE in the Son is to OBEY the Father
 - 2. Implies that living in DISOBEDIENCE to the Father demonstrates UNBELIEF in the Son
 - 3. Demonstrates that God's WRATH remains FIXED upon him