

# Message #5: "John the Baptist"

Bible Passage: Matthew 3:1-12

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HOLY BIBLE

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

# Matthew

## 3:1-12



## *BACKGROUND ON JOHN THE BAPTIST:*

- He was a miracle child
- He was a fulfilled prophecy
- He was a wilderness preacher



# 1. A Message of Repentance



A photograph showing the lower legs and feet of a person walking on a dark, textured surface. The person is wearing dark shoes. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly asphalt or concrete. The image is framed by a blue, textured border at the top and bottom.

# What Is Repentance?



# 1. A Message of Repentance

- It is a turning toward and a turning from



Repent, then, and turn  
to God, so that your sins  
may be wiped out, that  
times of refreshing may  
come from the Lord, and  
that he may send the  
Christ, who has been  
appointed for you

-Acts [3:19-20](#)



# 1. A Message of Repentance

- It is a turning toward and a turning from
- We put off the old and put on the new



To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life & is corrupt through deceitful desires, & to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, & to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness & holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24



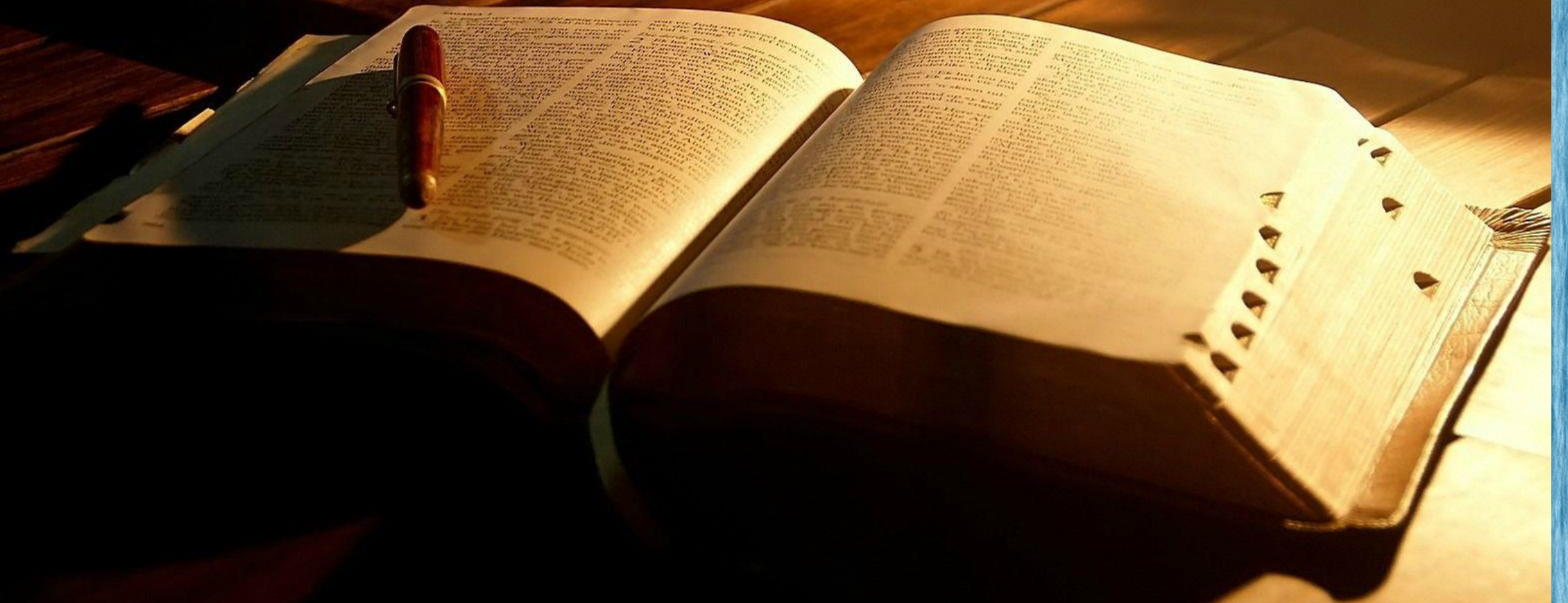
1. A Message of Repentance

2. A Message of Consequence



**Sanctify them by the truth;  
your word is truth.**

**John 17:17**





## 2. A Message of Consequence

- The truth hurts
- The truth heals
- The truth helps





**SPEAK THE  
TRUTH IN LOVE**

— *Ephesians 4:15* —



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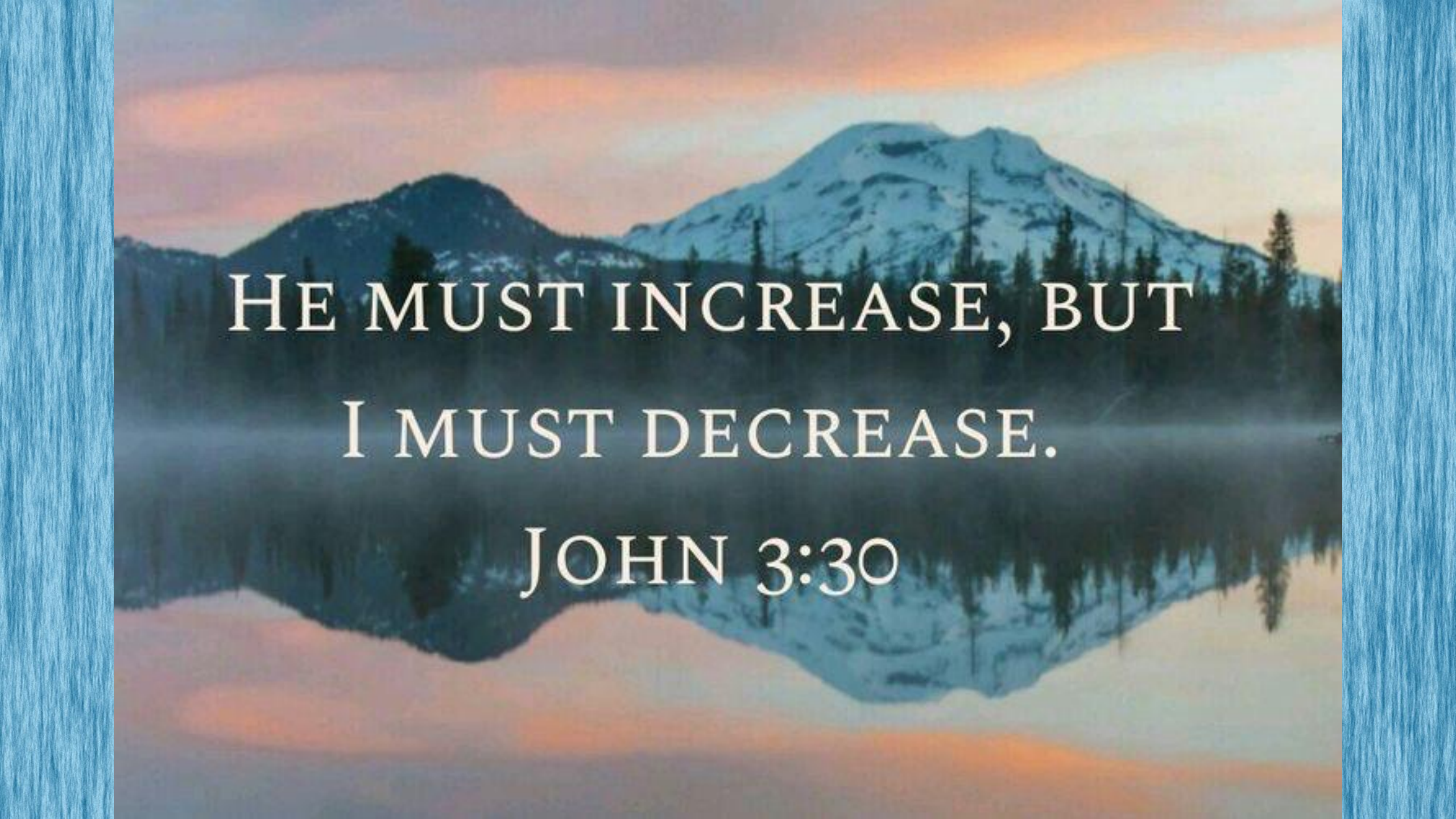
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# 3. A Message of JESUS

- We must decrease and He must increase





HE MUST INCREASE, BUT  
I MUST DECREASE.

JOHN 3:30



### 3. A Message of JESUS

- We must decrease and He must increase
- May we always make much of Jesus!



1. A Message of Repentance

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It is better  
to light a candle,  
than to curse  
the darkness.