

**Title:** "Above All"

**Text:** John 3:31-36

**Target:** The final words of John the Baptist to the masses is one of the most systematic synopses on the life and ministry of Jesus. The pursuit of today's message is to allow belief to drive our behavior, not our behavior to dictate our beliefs.

I. **Heavenly Origin: He is Sovereign OVER us!**

- A. **Came from Above:** "He who comes from above is **above all.**" (Vs.31)
- B. **Came in Authority:** "He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is **above all.**" (Vs. 31)

II. **Holy Observation: He Speaks INTO us!**

- A. **Bears Witness:** "He **bears** witness..." (Vs. 32)
- B. **Bestows Wisdom:** "to what he has **seen** and **heard**, yet no one receives his **testimony**" (Vs. 32)

III. **Hallowed Oath: He gives the Spirit TO us!**

- A. **Special Seal:** "Whoever receives his testimony **sets his seal** to this, that God is true." (Vs. 33)
- B. **Spirit's Supply:** "For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit **without measure.**" (Vs. 34)
- C. **"S"on's Supremacy:** "The Father loves the "S"on and has given **all things** into his hand" (Vs.35)

IV. **Hallelujah Opportunity: He FOR-ever Secures us!**

- A. **Salvation is Inclusive:** "Whoever" (Vs. 36)
- B. **Salvation requires you being Conclusive:** "**believes** in the Son" (Vs. 36)
- C. **Salvation is Exclusive:** "**in the** Son" (Vs. 36)
- D. **Salvation is not Allusive:** "**has** eternal life" (Vs.36)
- E. **Salvation is fully Intrusive:** "whoever does not **obey** the Son shall not see life, but the **wrath** of God **remains** on him." (Vs.36)

**Take Away:** Obedience to Jesus does not guarantee Salvation, but it is an indicator of Salvation.