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The Comparison

John 1:6-11, 15

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

¹⁵ (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.’”)

Here is some review from last week.

- 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 **God** made human. 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!