

THE AUDITORIUM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

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JOHN 3: 25-30

THE FRIEND OF THE BRIDEGROOM

INTRODUCTION: People made the mistake of confusing John the Baptist with Jesus. (25)

- I. **There's a big difference between the Groom and the Best Man.**
 - A. **What are some of these differences?**
 1. The best man supports the groom.
 2. The best man is often the best friend of the groom.
 3. The best man dresses like the groom.
 4. The best man represents closeness to the groom.
 5. The best man assists the groom.
 6. The best man encourages the groom.
 7. The best man stands with the groom.
 8. The best man decorates the getaway car.
 9. The best man does not draw attention away from the groom.
 10. The best man does not marry the bride.
 - B. **We can all agree that it would be a big mistake to confuse the groom and best man.**
- II. **"He must increase but I must decrease." (30)**
 - A. **A friend of Jesus is a believer who keeps His commandments.**
 - John 15:14
 - B. **Jesus is the groom and we are His friends. (29)**

III. How can we be good friends of the Groom to Jesus.

A. We must remember who we are in the plan of God.

- 1. We must show our support for Jesus.**
- 2. We must be best friends with Jesus.**
- 3. We must look like Jesus.**
- 4. We must represent Jesus well.**
- 5. We are to assist Jesus in His great work in this world.**
- 6. We are here to encourage other believers in the work of Christ.**
- 7. We stand with Jesus.**
- 8. We are here to decorate the getaway vehicle.**
- 9. We must not draw attention away from Jesus.**
- 10. We are not the Groom – but we are to be like Him.**

**CONCLUSION: We must always point people to Jesus and not to ourselves.
Jesus is the Star and we are just background performers.**