

The Chronicles of the Messiah (John 3)

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The Mysterious Language of the Gospel of John

The Serpent on the Pole

The Sign of the Pole

Verbal Tally of נֶס (nes)

Isaiah 11:10-12; 18:3; 62:10

Whoever Believes in Him

The Early Judean Ministry

Competition with John

Friend of the Bridegroom

Parable of the Friend of the Bridegroom (John 3:28-29)

Bride = Israel

Bridegroom = Messiah

Friend of Bridegroom = John the Baptist

Bringing the Bride to the Groom = John's Ministry

The Voice of the Bridegroom = Jesus' disclosure

Meaning = John's role was to prepare Israel for the Messiah and then step aside

I Must Decrease

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