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## *Sunday Readings and Meditation*

February 9 Sun ✠ Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

*Jn 3:22-31 - Jesus Christ, the one who comes from heaven.*

*In today's gospel, we see John the Baptist's humility and understanding of his role in God's plan. John acknowledges that his ministry is not about himself but about pointing others to Jesus. He says, "He must become greater; I must become less" (John 3:30). This statement reflects John's deep awareness of his purpose and his willingness to step aside so that Jesus can take center stage.*

*John's disciples are concerned about Jesus' growing popularity, but John reassures them that this is exactly how it should be. He uses the metaphor of a bride and bridegroom to explain his joy in seeing Jesus' ministry flourish. John sees himself as the friend of the bridegroom, rejoicing in the bridegroom's success. This metaphor beautifully illustrates John's selflessness and his joy in fulfilling his God-given role.*

*This passage challenges us to reflect on our own lives and ministries. Are we willing to step aside and let Jesus take the lead? Do we find joy in seeing others succeed, especially when it furthers God's kingdom? John's example encourages us to embrace humility and to find our true purpose in pointing others to Christ.*

*Additionally, this passage reminds us of the importance of recognizing and celebrating the roles that others play in God's plan. Just as John the Baptist celebrated Jesus' ministry, we too should celebrate the diverse ways in which God works through different people. This attitude fosters unity and cooperation within the body of Christ.*

*In summary, John 3:22-31 teaches us about humility, selflessness, and the joy of seeing God's plan unfold through others. It calls us to focus on Jesus and to find our greatest fulfillment in serving Him and pointing others to His love and grace.*

***First Reading: Deut 24:14-22   Second Reading: Is 63:7-16   Third Reading: Heb 8:1-6***