



Juxtaposition: the act of placing two or more things close together or side by side, especially for comparison or contrast.

➤ **JUXTAPOSITION 1: WHO I AM / WHO HE IS**

Like John the Baptist, I must see and accept that...

- I am _____ / _____.

“I baptize you with water ·to show that your hearts and lives have changed [for repentance]. But there is one coming after me who is greater [mightier; more powerful] than I am... Matthew 3:11a (EXB)

- I am _____ / _____.

“... The one who is coming after me is stronger than I am. I’m not worthy to carry his sandals...” Matthew 3:11b (NIV)

- I am _____ / _____.

When Jews from Jerusalem sent ... to ask John who he was, he was completely honest. ²⁰ He didn't evade the question. He told the plain truth: “I am not the Messiah.” John 1:19-20 (MP)

I have said it many times, and you have heard me—I am not the Anointed One... John 3:28a (Voice)

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He existed in the beginning with God.... ¹⁴ So the Word became human and made His home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. We have seen His glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. John 1:1-2, 14 (NLT)

This is the man I meant when I said, ‘A man comes after me who is always in front of me, for he existed before I was born!’ John 1:30 (PHILLIPS)

It will be bad for anyone who disputes with the very One who created him! After all, a human being is nothing more than one clay pot among many. Imagine the clay saying to the potter, “What do you think you’re doing?” Isaiah 45:9 (Voice)

- I am _____ / _____.

You yourselves were there when I made it public that I was not the Messiah... but simply the one sent ahead of him to get things ready. John 3:28 (MP)

- I am _____ / _____.

If you are confused, consider this: the groom is the one with the bride. The best man takes his place close by and listens for him. When he hears the voice of the groom, he is swept up in the joy of the moment. So hear me, My joy could not be more complete. John 3:29a (Voice)

- I have _____ / _____.

For the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth and speaks from the natural realm. But the One who comes from above is above everything and speaks of the highest realm of all! ³² His message is about what he has seen and experienced.... John 3:31-32a (TPT)

➤ **JUXTAPOSITION 2: WHAT HE CAN PROVIDE / WHAT I CAN PROVIDE**

- He provides _____ / I provide foolishness.
- He provides _____ / I provide separation.
- He provides _____ / I provide speculation.
- He provides _____ / I provide need.
- He provides _____ / I provide sin and death.

➤ **JUXTAPOSITION 3: IT MUST BE ABOUT HIM / NOT ABOUT ME.**

Jesus and his disciples went to the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them and baptized people. ²³ John was baptizing ...near Salim. Water was plentiful there... ²⁵ Some of John's disciples had an argument with a Jew about purification ceremonies. ²⁶ So they went to John and asked him, “Rabbi, do you remember the man you spoke so favorably about when he was with you on the other side of the Jordan River? Well, he's baptizing, and everyone is going to him!” John 3:22-26 (GW)

- To come to Him I must _____ and _____.

He (Christ) testifies about what he has seen and heard, but how few believe what he tells them! ³⁵ The Father loves his Son and has put everything into his hands. ³⁶ And anyone who believes in God’s Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn’t obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God’s angry judgment.” John 3:36 (NLT)