


John The Baptist Preaches Repentance

Luke 3:1 - 14


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The Historical Context

- **Luke 3:1**


Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene,



John is Described Using Terminology From OT Prophets

- **Luke 3:2**


in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness.



Theme in Luke/Acts: Repentance

■ **Luke 3:3**

And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins;




Luke's Summary of John's Message

■ **Luke 3:18**

So with many other exhortations also he preached the gospel to the people.


Greek: *euaggelizo* "to evangelize"



"God" in Isaiah 40:3 is "The Lord" Who Comes to His People

■ **Luke 3:4**


as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight.'"



Isaiah 40:4 Cited: Making a Clear Path for the King's Arrival

■ **Luke 3:5**

"Every ravine shall be filled up, And every mountain and hill shall be brought low;
And the crooked shall become straight,
And the rough roads smooth;"




Theme in Luke/Acts: The Universal Call of the Gospel

■ **Luke 3:6**

"And all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

■ **Luke 2:30, 31** (Simeon)


For my eyes have seen Thy salvation,
Which Thou hast prepared in the presence
of all peoples,



John Calls the People "Offspring of Vipers"

■ **Luke 3:7**


He therefore began saying to the multitudes who were going out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"



**God Doesn't Need Them,
They Need God**

■ **Luke 3:8**


"Therefore bring forth fruits in keeping with repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I say to you that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham."



**The Coming of the King Means
Imminent Judgment**

■ **Luke 3:9**

"And also the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."



**"What Shall We Do" is a Good
Question to Ask**

■ **Luke 3:10, 11**

And the multitudes were questioning him, saying, "Then what shall we do?" And he would answer and say to them, "Let the man who has two tunics share with him who has none; and let him who has food do likewise."



Repentance Means Changed Lives

■ Luke 3:12, 13

And some tax-gatherers also came to be baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than what you have been ordered to."



What "Fruits in Keeping With Repentance" Look Like

■ Luke 3:14

And some soldiers were questioning him, saying, "And what about us, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely, and be content with your wages."



Applications

- We need to preach the Law.
- We must preach the universal call of the Gospel.
- We must exhibit "fruits of repentance" and not trust baptism or group identity as proof of salvation.



The Law Tells Us We Will Not Escape

■ **Romans 2:3**

And do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment upon those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God?



The Universal Call of the Gospel

■ **Matthew 11:28, 29**

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls.”



Exhibiting Fruits of Repentance

■ **Revelation 3:19** (to the Laodicean Church)

“Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous therefore, and repent.”
