

JOHN'S MESSAGE OF REPENTANCE

Luke 3:1-14

Key verse: 3

Discussion questions

- How can we prepare our hearts for the Lord?

Induction study questions:

1. What do the names of those Luke mentions tell us about the political and religious situation in the times of John? (1-2a)
2. Why did John live in the wilderness? (2b; 1:80) What did it mean that the word of God came to him? Think about the effect the word of God has on people (1Pe 1:23-25; Heb 4:12).
3. Read verse 3. What were the contents of John's message? What does God do for those who repent? (1Jn 1:9) What does Isaiah 40:3-5, quoted in verses 4-6, tell us about John's ministry? By whom will all mankind see God's salvation?
4. How did John challenge the crowds coming out to be baptized by him (7-9; Mt 3:7; Isa 29:13) How did the crowds respond to the message of repentance and judgment and how did John guide them? (10-14) What do the fruits of repentance mean to each person?