

REPENTANCE

Luke 3:1-18

Who was John?

According to Luke 1:13-17:

- *He was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth*
- *He was to be great before the Lord.*
- *He was to be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.*
- *He was to turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God,*
- *He was to go before him [Jesus] in the spirit and power of Elijah,*
- *He was to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.*

Who was John?

According to Matthew 3:13:

- *He preached in wilderness of Judea*
- *He preached: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*
- *He fulfilled words of the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"*

Who was John?

According to Mark 1:6:

- *John was clothed with camel's hair*
- *John wore a leather belt around his waist*
- *John ate locusts and wild honey.*

Who was John?

According to John 1:20-23:

- *He confessed "I am not the Christ." (Dan 9:25)*
- *He said, "I am not [Elijah]" " (Mal 4:5)*
- *He answered, "No [I am not the Prophet]." (Deut 18:15)*
- *He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." (Isaiah 40:3-5)*

What was John's Message?

REPENT!

Matthew 3:1-2 (ESV)

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

So What does “Repent” Mean?

Repent “To Change the Mind”:

The Greek word μετανοέω, (metanoéō) expresses the idea of the spiritual change implied in a sinner's return to God.

Think....

CHANGE

Why Baptize?

(Luke 3:2-3 ESV) during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.



What Repentance is not....

(Luke 3:7 ESV) He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

It's the little things...

*(Luke 3:10 ESV) And the crowds asked him,
"What then shall we do?"*

Did John say...

You know the commandments:

- *'Do not murder,*
- *Do not commit adultery,*
- *Do not steal,*
- *Do not bear false witness,*
- *Do not defraud,*
- *Honor your father and mother.'*"

John said..

- To the crowd: "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."
- To tax collectors: "Collect no more than you are authorized to do."
- To soldiers: "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

John is saying...

It's the little things that count.

What would John say to you?

- *Don't be **Judgmental**, give everyone the benefit of a doubt.*
- *Don't be **Proud**, look at everyone as better than yourself.*
- *Don't **Cheat** anyone, give what is fair.*
- *Don't be **Unforgiving**, for Jesus forgave you.*
- *Don't **Gossip**, build one another up.*
- *Don't be **Greedy**, instead be a giver.*

Serious Business

(Luke 3:16-17 ESV) John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

In the conduit of your life....

Do you need a PIG?



Luke 18:8b (ESV)

*"...when the Son of Man comes,
will he find faith on earth?"*

Are you ready to repent?