



Getting Ready for Impact

Jesus: Messiah With A Mission - Part 4 of 4
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Big Idea: Our task is to prepare the way for Christ in the lives of those around us by humbly representing Him well.

Text: Luke 3:1-23a

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Tracoinitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. – Luke 3:1-2

I. JOHN PREPARED THE WAY THROUGH HIS _____.

“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.” – Luke 3:8

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. – Colossians 4:5

II. JOHN PREPARED THE WAY THROUGH HIS _____.

He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. – Luke 3:3

As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God’s salvation.’” – Luke 3:4-6

III. JOHN PREPARED THE WAY THROUGH HIS _____.

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?” – Luke 3:7

“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.” – Luke 3:8

“The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” – Luke 3:9

“What should we do then?” the crowd asked. John answered, “The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.” – Luke 3:10-11

Tax collectors also came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?” “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them. – Luke 3:12-13

Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?” He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.” – Luke 3:14

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. – 2 Timothy 4:2-4

IV. JOHN PREPARED THE WAY THROUGH HIS _____.

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. – Luke 3:15

John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” – Luke 3:16

“His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” – Luke 3:17

V. JOHN PREPARED THE WAY THROUGH HIS _____.

But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done. – Luke 3:19

Because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him. – Mark 6:20

"I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist." – Matthew 11:11a

MEMORY VERSE

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