

Adult Sunday School Lesson
Nassau Bay Baptist Church
January 10, 2021

Read Luke 3:1-20

John the Baptist came preaching repentance, and his hard (harsh) words drew humbled responses.

Time

The dating that we have points to roughly AD 25-29. Most of the ambiguity revolves around the method of counting, when to start the reign of Tiberius. (v 1)

Message

The Word of God came to John in the wilderness. (v 2)

John preached repentance for the remission/dismissal/pardon/forgiveness of sins. (v 3)

This was a fulfillment of Isaiah 40:3-5. (vv 4-6)

Getting Along and Making People Feel Good About Themselves?

John called the crowds, "Offspring of snakes/vipers." Certainly that made them feel good! (v 7a) They told Jesus they were the offspring of Abraham. What a contrast! Snake (Satan) in the garden.

He then told them that wrath was coming upon them and questioned their motives for trying to escape it. He assumes they know they deserve wrath. (v 7b)

John tells them that the wrath is upon them and that the punishment of the wrath is fire. (v 9)

How To Escape the Wrath

1. Bear fruit worthy of repentance. (Saying it is not enough! *Taking God's name in vain.*)
2. Stop justifying yourselves because of your connection to a righteous man, Abraham. (*Have no other gods before me.*)
3. If you have two tunics, give one to him who has none. (Rich, young, ruler. *Love your neighbor.*)
4. Collect no more than what is appointed to you. (*Steal*)
5. Do not intimidate. (*Murder*)
6. Do not accuse falsely. (*Bear False Witness*)
7. Be content with your wages. (*Covet*)

Christ or Not?

Water vs the Holy Spirit and Fire

Look for the One with the winnowing fan who will clean and gather and burn.

No Respector of Persons

Spoke truth to the King. And died for it.