

John The Baptist Preaches
Luke 3:1-20

- I. True Gospel Preaching Is Based on the Word of God (1-2)
 - A. There is always a cultural and historical context to preaching
 - B. The Word of the Lord came to John
- II. True Gospel Preaching Has A Consistent Message (3)
 - A. The message is fundamentally the same throughout the ages
 - B. Repentance for the forgiveness of sins, usually associated with some sort of covenantal sign of acceptance
- III. John's Preaching Was The Fulfillment of Scripture (4-6)
 - A. John is the fulfillment of Isaiah 40:3-6
 - B. He is preparing the way for the Messiah
- IV. True Gospel Preaching Calls The Hearers To Transformation (7-14)
 - A. Crowds came for baptism
 - B. John speaks plainly to the crowds about their current condition
 - C. Crowd response – What shall we do?
 - D. A call to transformation
- V. True Gospel Preaching Glorifies Jesus (15-17)
 - A. John – “I am nothing compared to the “One”
 - B. I baptize with water (symbolic); he will bring the Spirit and fire (life or death)
 - C. Jesus must be the exalted point of the message
- VI. True Gospel Preaching Can Be Dangerous (18-20)

- A. Herod was directly reprimanded by John for taking his brother's wife
- B. Herod had John arrested for speaking out against his immorality