



The Voice of a True Prophet

Luke 3:1-18

- When? AD 26 or AD 29—the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar
- What? John the Baptist emerges from the wilderness (1:80) to preach
 1. Screaming for repentance, demanding an about-face
 2. Crying & pleading with an urgent, passionate voice
 3. *Making mountains low* by humbling the proud
 4. *Filling ravines* by preaching truth where it lacked
 5. *Making the crooked straight* by correcting false teaching
 6. *Smoothing rough roads* by bringing comfort about the Christ
 7. Offering salvation to all who repent
 8. Calling sinners *sinners*
 9. Talking about God's wrath
 10. Requiring fruit in keeping with repentance
 11. Warning of fire for those who refuse to repent
 12. Pointing to the Christ, denigrating oneself
 13. Speaking out against corrupt rulers
 14. Dying for faithfulness