



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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The Gospel of Luke: Chapter 3

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Luke 3

TWO MAIN TOPICS OF LUKE 3:

1. The ministry of John the Baptist and his relationship with Jesus.
2. The baptism and genealogy of Jesus.

THE HISTORICAL TIME OF JOHN THE BAPTIST: (Luke 3:1-2)

1. In the midst of corruption, God chooses John the Baptist to bring the Good News about Jesus.
 - We too were chosen to live for this specific time and day.
 - God needs you to share the Good News.
 - God has placed purpose in you and you are a vital part of the Body of Christ.
 - You have the answer for today's dilemmas and His name is Jesus.

THE CALL OF JOHN THE BAPTIST: (Luke 3:2-6)

1. John was called by God to be the forerunner of Jesus.
 - Just like with John, God knew you and called you before you were ever born. (*Ps. 139:13-18*)
 - We have been formed according to His plans and purposes. (*Jer. 1:4-5*)
 - Put your faith in God and allow Him to turn your weakness into strength and cause you to become powerful in doing His will and work. (*Hebrews 11:32-34*)

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JOHN THE BAPTIST'S MINISTRY WAS A FULFILLMENT OF BIBLE PROPHECY: (Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6)

1. There are over 300 prophetic Scriptures in Old Testament dealing with the birth, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus – and every word has been fulfilled.
 - Even John knew what the Bible said about himself.
 - The Word of God is the will of God and it tells us who we are. (*James 1:23-25*)
 - When you look intently into God's perfect Word, reading it and acting on it, you will receive freedom and liberty.

THE MESSAGE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST: (Luke 3:8-14)

1. John's message was that Jesus, the Messiah, will set things in order.
2. John's message was also a call to repentance.
 - Repentance is an action word that speaks of change of heart and change of direction.
 - When we encounter Jesus and repent of our sins, we are forgiven, but we must change our direction and begin to live a life that is pleasing to God.
 - A life surrendered to Jesus produces a changed life. (*Galatians 5:19-25*)

JOHN THE POINTED PEOPLE TO JESUS: (Luke 3:15-16)

1. He pointed to the Greater One – to Jesus, the Messiah.
 - He didn't want to draw attention to himself, but to Jesus.
 - In the same way, our lives should always point people to Jesus.

JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS: (Luke 3:21-22)

1. John knew that Jesus was the Sinless One, but Jesus insisted that he baptize Him.
 - That day, God spoke and revealed His Son to the world.
 - The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and revealed that He was the One John spoke about.
 - Jesus immediately began His three-year earthly ministry.
 - We have supernatural leadership and empowerment to live this life as Jesus did.

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THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS: (Luke 3:23-38)

1. God wanted us to take note of the family line of Jesus for a reason.
 - This genealogy shows that Jesus belonged to all mankind.
 - This genealogy shows that Jesus was a real person with real ancestors.
 - This genealogy shows us that God uses broken people.

Additional verses: Matthew 3; Jeremiah 1:4-5; Ephesians 1; Isaiah 40:3-5; John 1:19-26; James 1:23-25; John 13:35; Matthew 7:20; Joshua 2:9-13)