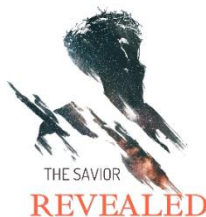


THE HYPE MAN

LUKE 3:1-22

[Main point]: John was called to warn people of their need to **humbly** turn to God and **follow** the Messiah Jesus.

- The **word** of God is trustworthy because it is **true**. (vv. 1-2)
- Following the Lord **demands** a proper understanding of our own **sin**. (vv. 3-6)
- No one is **immune** from the **need** for repentance. (vv. 7-9)
- True repentance **bears** fruit. (vv. 10-14)
- Repentance that **leads** to salvation is only possible because of the **sacrifice** and resurrection of Jesus. (vv. 15-17)
- Speaking **truth** is dangerous. (vv. 18-20)
- The **glory** of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is demonstrated in the person of **Jesus**. (vv. 21-22)



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. John was called by God to deliver a message of repentance. How does the historical setting (vv. 1-2) reinforce the trustworthiness and relevance of God's Word today? Mal. 3:1, 4:5-6, Luke 1:16-17, 76-77, Psalm 33:4 (NIV)
2. In verses 3-6, John calls people to repentance and highlights their need for forgiveness. Why is recognizing our own sin essential to truly following Jesus? Rom. 10:8-9, I John 1:9, Is. 57:14-17
3. John warns the crowd that no one is exempt from the need for repentance (vv. 7-9). How can we guard ourselves against thinking we are "good enough" without true repentance? Rom. 3:9-10
4. Verses 10-14 describe repentance that produces tangible fruit. What evidence of repentance should we see in our own lives? How can we support each other in bearing good fruit? Titus 2:11-14
5. John points to the coming Messiah, who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire (vv. 15-17). How does Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection make repentance and salvation possible? Why is it important to connect our repentance with Jesus' work on the cross?
6. John's bold preaching eventually leads to His imprisonment and execution (vv. 18-20). Why is speaking the truth often dangerous, and how can we stay faithful to God's truth in the face of opposition? How might we encounter resistance when we stand for truth today? 2 Tim. 3:11-12
7. In verses 21-22, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are all manifested at Jesus' baptism. What does this scene teach us about the glory and unity of the Trinity? How does understanding the Trinity shape our relationship with God and our faith journey? Luke 5:16, Deut. 6:4

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