

**08 – Luke 3:1-20 – John prepares the people**

How would you react if someone exposed your heart and revealed that you had drifted from following God?

... it is now around 27-29 AD

... John is now doing what the Isaiah 40 said he would do

... he is announcing the coming of the Messiah.

**John's message**

verse 7... "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath. Produce fruit in keeping with repentance"

**A surprising message**

- How could they be sons of the serpent... they are the children of Abraham...
- ... here they are warned that God's wrath will fall on them unless they repented.
- calling people to be baptised as outward sign of their repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

**How did people respond?****Response 1 - The crowd**

...verse 10

**Response 2 – The tax collectors**

... verse 12

**Response 3 – The soldiers**

... verse 14

**One is coming**

... one is coming who is FAR more important than John.

... will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire.

- Ezekiel 36:25-26
- A warning of the judgement from God

**For us today**

**Firstly ... see clearly who Jesus is.**

**Secondly ... you stand before the judgement seat of God as an individual.**

**Thirdly ...real repentance produces fruit.**

**Finally ... Jesus is coming as judge of everyone.**