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**WHO'S TALKING?** Luke 3:2b-3a

- 1) **God is a God WHO SPEAKS:** Genesis 1:3
- 2) **He has SPOKEN through anointed PROPHETS:** Hebrews 1:1
- 3) **John came as the LAST of the GREAT PROPHETS:** Matthew 3:4
- 4) **Jesus has come as God's WORD – His ULTIMATE EXPRESSION:** John 1:14. See also: John 1:1-3; Hebrews 1:2

**WHAT does HE WANT?** Luke 3:3ab

- 1) **REPENTANCE = *Meta-noias*** = change your *nous* (opinions, feelings, purpose, will, thought, mind); turn; return
- 2) **NOT a NEW CALLING – When God SPEAKS He COMMONLY and CONSISTENTLY calls His people to REPENT:** Genesis 3:9, 11, 13; Genesis 4:6, 9b; Ezekiel 14:6; Hosea 14:1; Isaiah 45:22; Revelation 2:5; See also: Joel 2:12-13; Revelation 2:16; 2:21-22; 3:3; 3:19
- 3) **JOHN called people to REPENT because God was establishing His KINGDOM:** Matthew 3:1–2. See also: Luke 3:4-5; John 1:19-23
- 4) **JESUS called people TO REPENT:** Mark 1:15

**WHY should I DO THAT? (Why should I REPENT?)**

- 1) **God's world changing KINGDOM is HERE:** Luke 3:4b–5
- 2) **We're ALL naturally unrepentant SINNERS:** Luke 3:7ab; Romans 3:10–18. See also: Ecc. 7:20; Is. 53:6, 64:6; Rom. 3:23; Eph 2:1-3
- 3) **There are JUST CONSEQUENCES for UNREPENTED SIN:** Luke 3:7c
  - a) **Jesus will NOT be less than JUST:** Luke 3:17. See also: Romans 1:18; 2:5; Ephesians 5:6; Colossians 3:6
  - b) **Those UNCHANGED suffer their due PUNISHMENT:** Luke 3:9
- 4) **RELIGION, ANCESTRY or GOOD WORKS can't SAVE US:** Luke 3:8bc
  - a) **We add NOTHING TO GOD:** Acts 17:24–25
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**WHAT should we DO?** Luke 3:10

- 1) **HEAR, CONFESS and REPENT:** Matthew 3:5–6
  - a) **AN ongoing PRACTICE:** *When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, "Repent", he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.* – Martin Luther. See also: James 5:16
  - b) **For EVERYBODY:** Acts 17:30
- 2) **BELIEVE in GOD'S GOOD NEWS:** Luke 3:15–16a, 18 See: John 1:6-7
  - a) **Of FORGIVENESS:** Luke 3:3
  - b) **Of a SINLESS ONE who came FOR SINNERS:** Luke 5:32
  - c) **Of a SUBSTITUTIONARY SACRIFICE – a PENALTY BEARER:** John 1:29; Acts 3:19
  - d) **Of SALVATION (FREEDOM from) our SIN:** Luke 3:6. cf: Isaiah 52:10
  - e) **Of God's HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLING a PEOPLE set apart for Him:** Luke 3:16b. See also: Acts 2:38
- 3) **BE DIFFERENT (be CHANGED) by God's GRACE:** Luke 3:8a
  - a) **SIN is VISIBLE:** Galatians 5:19–21
  - b) **SO is God-empowered HOLINESS:** Galatians 5:22–23
  - c) **So, be GENEROUS & GRACIOUS:** Luke 3:11
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  - e) **So, be CONTENT (materially, emotionally, positionally, relationally):** Luke 3:14

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