



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 3:15-20 (NAS)

Topic: "John's Powerful Ministry Ends"

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- 1 Now while the people were in a state of expectation and all were wondering in their hearts about John, as to whether he was the Christ,
- 2 John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
- 3 "His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."
- 4 So with many other exhortations he preached the gospel to the people.
- 5 But when Herod the tetrarch was reprimanded by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the wicked things which Herod had done,
- 6 Herod also added this to them all: he locked John up in prison.

I. THE PATHWAY OF REPENTANCE

- A. The Great Need For It
- B. The Prophecy Of It
- C. How It Prepared People To Seek Jesus

II. ANTICIPATION AND EXPECTATION OF THE MESSIAH

- A. John's Character Which Caused People To Wonder

- B. John's Response To Their Contemplation

- C. The Response Of Others In Similar Situations *Acts 3:3-8, 11-1;14:9-15*

- D. Our Response In Giving Credit For The Lord

III. JOHN CONTRASTS HIS MINISTRY AND WORK TO CHRIST'S

- A. John Gives The Outward Call To Repentance

- B. Jesus Is Able To Work In The Heart To Bring Repentance

- C. John Baptizes With Water

- D. Jesus Baptizes With The Spirit And Fire

- E. Jesus Will Be The Final Judge

- F. John's Ministry Was To End Shortly