



# The HARSH *but* GOOD NEWS

## Why "As You Are" Can't Stay that Way

Luke 3:1-6

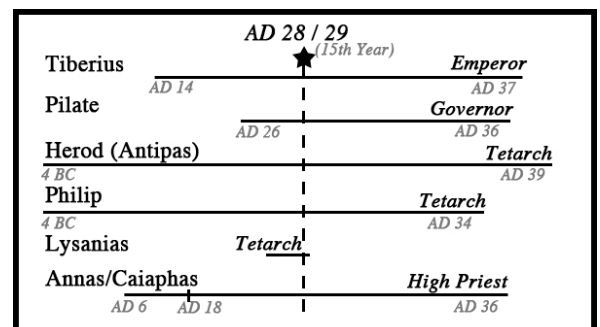
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1. Recognize \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-2)

2. Turn \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3)

3. Prepare \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.4-6)

**1** In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, **2** during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. **3** And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **4** As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. **5** Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, **6** and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' " (ESV)



# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.*

1. Read **Psalm 2:1-12**. What are some of the motivations that prompt people to disdain the authority of God?
2. Read **Titus 3:4-7** and **Acts 3:18-19**. How would you respond to someone who says that because the Bible clearly teaches that forgiveness cannot be earned by our good works, therefore repentance should not be emphasized in our evangelism?
3. Read **Isaiah 55:6-7**. How would you describe the difference between the superficial reform of some bad behaviors versus the depth of the repentance depicted in this passage?
4. Read **Acts 26:15-20**. What is some evidence of your repentance?
5. Read **2 Peter 3:10-13**. What shifts in values and priorities take place when someone sincerely anticipates the second coming of Christ and the establishment of his kingdom?

## ***The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:***

Go to [ESV.org](http://ESV.org) (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

### **January 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Ex.13-15 & Mt.19:1-15*

### **January 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Ex.16-18 & Mt.19:16-30*

### **January 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Ex.19-21 & Mt.20:1-16*

### **January 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Ex.22-24 & Mt.20:17-34*

### **January 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Ex.25-26 & Mt.21:1-22*

### **February 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Ex.27-28 & Mt.21:23-46*

### **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Ex.29-30 & Mt.22:1-22*

### **February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Ex.31-33 & Mt.22:23-46*

*The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website ([FocalPointMinistries.org](http://FocalPointMinistries.org)).*

Msg. # 06-14 – **A Crash Course in Repentance & Faith**

Msg. # 12-27 – **Responding to the King of Kings**

Msg. # 08-32 – **Making Sure You're Repentant**

Msg. # 09-02 – **The Bible & Your Salvation: The Centrality of Scripture**

Msg. # 06-52 – **Good Works & Eternal Life: Avoiding the Biggest Misunderstanding**

*Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.*

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. **The Cost of Discipleship**. SCM Press Ltd., 1959.

Brooks, Thomas. **Repent and Believe**. (Pocket Puritan Series) Banner of Truth, 2008.

Chantry, Walter J. **Today's Gospel: Authentic or Synthetic?** Banner of Truth, 1970.

Dyer, Larry E. **Baptism: The Believer's First Obedience**. Kregel Publications, 2000.

Ferguson, Sinclair. **The Grace of Repentance**. Crossway, 2011.

MacArthur, John. **The Gospel According to Jesus: What is Authentic Faith?** Zondervan, 2008.

Metzger, Will. **Tell The Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. InterVarsity, 1984.

Miller, C. John. **Repentance and the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Man**. Christian Literature Crusade, 1975.

Packer, J. I. **A Quest for Godliness**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Pink, A. W. **Repentance**. Triangle Press, 1996.

Piper, John. **What Jesus Demands from the World**. Crossway Books, 2006.

Roberts, Richard Owen. **Repentance: The First Word of the Gospel**. Crossway Books, 2002.

Ryle, R. C. **Repentance**. Amazon Digital Services, Inc. 2012.

Spurgeon, Charles. **A Passion for Holiness in a Believer's Life**. YWAM Publishing, 1996.

Watson, Thomas. **The Doctrine of Repentance**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1987.