

True Repentance – Luke 3:1-14
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Introduction

- What is the key idea in our passage?
- How many years have we moved on since the end of Luke 2?
- Roughly how old is John the Baptist now?

i Repentance brings forgiveness

- What is the most significant thing which happens in v1-2?
- What was the significance of baptism in John's day?
- What is radical about John's baptism in v3?
- Which passage shows that John's baptism is not the last word on baptism?
- How important is baptism today?
- What did repentance look like for the people in John's day?
- What did they receive when they repented?
- Why would it be awful if we had to earn forgiveness from God?
- What should you do if you have forgotten the brilliance of being forgiven?

ii Repentance does not earn forgiveness

- What is the quotation in v4-6 all about?
- Who is the messenger and who is the coming king?
- Why is the king coming?
- What subtle error can we fall into sometimes?
- What might it look like if we are trusting in "doing repentance" rather than in the Lord himself?
- What do you need to do if that is true of you?

iii Repentance involves change

- What kind of preacher is John in v7-9?
- What does repentance always involve?
- What does the Greek word for repentance, μετανοια (metanoia), mean?
- How seriously do you take repentance?
- What is repentance without change?

iv Repentance is urgent

- What does John liken God to in v7-9?
- What will he do with unfruitful branches and what does that mean?
- What do you need to do if you are not a Christian?
- What do you need to do if you are a Christian?

v Repentance is specific

- What happens in v10-14?
- What does this show us?
- What particular temptations does your calling in life throw up?
- So what does this teach us about repentance?
- What resources do we have to fight sin?

Conclusion

- Have you really repented of your sin?