

## **Luke 3:1-20 – Produce the fruit of repentance**

*When did you last change your mind?*

Luke sets this account in history (v1-2)

### **1. Prepare for the Lord – v1-6**

John's father Zechariah – words fulfilled (1.76)

Repentance is a change of mind/heart/direction

Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins

Isaiah 40:3-5 – Lord is LORD (God)

Preparing by helping people see their sin, need for forgiveness & repentance

*Do you know this for yourself? Do others?*

### **2. Produce fruit of repentance – v7-14**

Crowds – brood of vipers – and wrath is coming

*Are you offended?*

*Or are you safe because I am..., I did..., I...?*

Read repentance is seen in fruit

*What should we do? – honesty, generosity/ greed*

### **3. Powerful Saviour - v15-20**

One more powerful than I is coming

Baptises with the Spirit – Acts 2.33; Ezek 36.27

(through whom we can repent and change)

- with fire – Acts 2.3; Lk 12.49-51

Or Rev 20.10, 14f - Final judgement lake of fire

John preached the good news

Jesus bore our wrath on the cross (Jn 1.29)

Herod did not repent

*Like John, do you need to ask others to repent?*

*Or do you need to repent yourself?*

*Like Olympian, Elana Myers Taylor*