

## **PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD**

### **Luke 3:1-14**

**Key Verse: 3:2 "...during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert."**

1. What do the names of the political and religious leaders whom Luke mentions tell us about the political situation in the times of John? About the religious situation? (1-2)
2. How did John prepare himself to challenge his times? Why did John live in the desert? What did it mean that the word of God came to him? Think about the difference the word of God makes--1Pe 1:23-25; Heb 4:12; 1Sa 3:1,7,21. Can you think of any other servants of God to whom God's word came?
3. Read verse 3. Why did John preach a message of repentance? Why did all men respond to John's stern message of repentance?
4. Read verses 4-6. What does Isaiah 40:3-5 tell us about John's ministry? By whom will all mankind see God's salvation? Why?
5. Read verses 7-14. How did the religious leaders (Mt 3:7; Isa 29:13) respond to John's message? What did John do for them? How did the crowds respond to the message of repentance and judgment? What do the fruits of repentance mean to each person? How can we prepare our hearts for the word of God to come upon us?