

## Blessing or Judgment When the Messianic Age Comes

Luke 3:15 - 22

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
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## John The Baptist Has Aroused Messianic Hopes

- **Luke 3:15**

Now while the people were in a state of expectation and all were wondering in their hearts about John, as to whether he might be the Christ,

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
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## Jesus Is Greater Than John the Baptist

- **Luke 3:16**

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."

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
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### Either Salvation or Judgment

■ **Luke 3:17**

“And 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.”

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
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### “Preached the Gospel”

■ **Luke 3:18**

So with many other exhortations also he preached the gospel to the people.

Greek: *euaggelizo* “to evangelize”

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
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### “Preached the Gospel” in Luke/Acts

- John The Baptist: Luke 3:18
- Jesus: Luke 4:18; 7:22; 16:16; 20:1;
- The Disciples: Luke 9:6
- Peter & John: Acts 8:25
- Philip: Acts 8:40
- Paul & Barnabas: Acts 14:7, 15, 21
- Peter: Acts 15:7
- Paul: Acts 16:10; 20:24

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
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**Herod Antipas Persecutes John**

- **Luke 3:19, 20**

But when Herod the tetrarch was reproved by him on account of Herodias, his brother's wife, and on account of all the wicked things which Herod had done, he added this also to them all, that he locked John up in prison.

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**The Anointed Son Affirmed From Heaven**

- **Luke 3:21, 22**

Now it came about when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also was baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased."

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
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**The Son and Anointed Servant**

- **Psalms 2:7**

"I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, 'Thou art My Son, Today I have begotten Thee.'"

- **Isaiah 40:1**

"Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations."

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
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 The Anointed One = The Christ

- **Isaiah 61:1**  
The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
Because the Lord has anointed me To  
bring good news to the afflicted; He has  
sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To  
proclaim liberty to captives, And freedom  
to prisoners;  
(cited in Luke 4:18)

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
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 Applications

- Three Dangers John The Baptist Warned  
against.
- The Messianic Age Brings Either Salvation  
or Judgment
- We Must Have a Biblical Doctrine of Christ  
and Preach the Gospel

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
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 Do Not Trust In Sacraments

- **Luke 3:7**  
He therefore began saying to the multitudes  
who were going out to be baptized by him,  
“You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee  
from the wrath to come?”
- **Luke 3:16**  
“I baptize you with water; . . . He will baptize  
you with the Holy Spirit . . .”

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
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**Do Not Trust In Sacraments**

- Acts 8:13 – 21: Simon was baptized and later was told “Your heart is not right with God”
- Acts 19:1-6: Disciples of John had been baptized but not by the Holy Spirit.

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
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**Do Not Trust Mere Words of Repentance**

- **Luke 3:8a**

Therefore bring forth fruits in keeping with repentance,

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
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**Do Not Trust In Family Lineage**

- **Luke 3:8**

“and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father,’ for I say to you that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.”

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 The Messianic Age Brings Either  
Salvation or Judgment  
The Holy Spirit or Fire

- Revelation 19:7 – 21: The saints are invited to the wedding feast while the fire of God's judgment falls on the wicked.

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
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 Have a Biblical Doctrine of Christ  
and Preach it

- **2John 1:9**  
Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching [or doctrine] of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

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
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 Have a Biblical Doctrine of Christ  
and Preach it

- **1Corinthians 1:23, 24**  
but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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