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Sermon Notes  
Luke 3:1-6  
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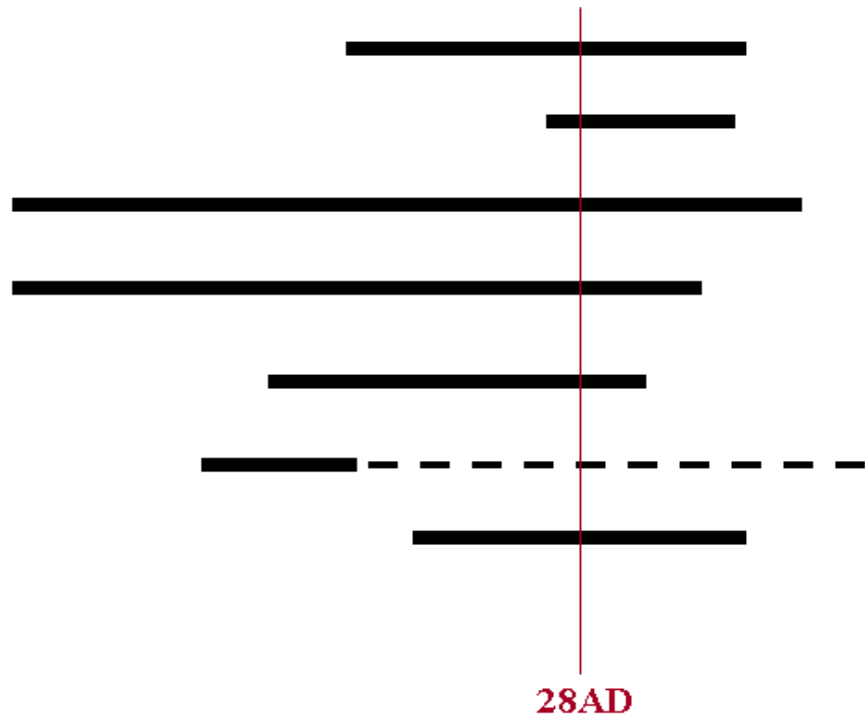
**Luke 3:1** In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, **2.** during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, 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.'"

The one word that describes Christianity is .....

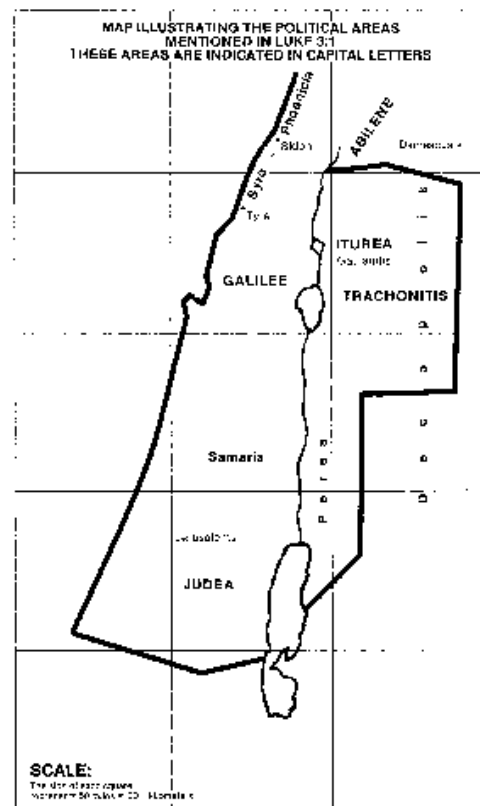
I. An Interim Report – The Truth of Luke’s Gospel Account

- A. The Challenge of “Higher Criticism”
- B. The Failures of the Biblical Critics
- C. The Testimony of Sir William Ramsay and A.N. Sherwin-White
- D. The Accuracy of Luke’s Historical Record in 3:1-2.

Tiberius Caesar  
 (14-37 AD)  
 Pontius Pilate  
 (26-36 AD)  
 Herod Antipas  
 (4 BC—39 AD)  
 Philip  
 (4 BC—34 AD)  
 Lysanias  
 (10-32 AD)  
 Annas  
 (6-15 AD)  
 Caiaphas  
 (18-36 AD)



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## II. The Truth of John the Baptist ..... Even When It Hurts

### A. Declaring a Baptism of Repentance.....for all

### B. Three Baptisms in the New Testament

1. John's baptism of repentance
2. Jesus' baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire
3. Jesus own baptism by trial

### C. John's Call ..... The Meaning of Repentance

Thomas Watson's (1620-1686) "Six Characteristics of Genuine Repentance":

1. Real repentance means being able to see and recognize sin
2. Real repentance exhibits genuine sorrow for sin
3. Real repentance is confessional and self-accusing
4. Real repentance reveals true shame
5. Real repentance reveals a hatred of sin

6. Real repentance involves a turning from sin

D. The Results of Repentance – Forgiveness of Sins

III. The Mission of John the Baptist.....Speaking the Truth and  
Preparing the Way of the Lord