



**“Who was that
masked man?”**





The **KING**

has come



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PREPARE FOR THE KING

Living in the atmosphere of repentance

“In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas...” Luke 3:1-2 NIV

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"The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness"

Luke 3:2b NIV



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"He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

Luke 3:3 NIV



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Shub = (Hebrew) “return”, a decision to forsake sin and obey God

Metanoia = (Gk) change of mind, turn around 180°

Repentance is to stop, turn around and go the other way.

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"How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds." James 2:18 NLT



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Repentance changes our:

- Loyalties
- Way of life
- Values

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Luke 3:3 NIV



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"And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham." Luke 3:8b NIV

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"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all people will see God's salvation." Luke 3:4-6 NIV





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Luke 3:8a NIV



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- Care for others
- Live with Integrity
- Serve others faithfully

The Preparation of Jesus

*"When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was **praying**, heaven was opened ²² and the **Holy Spirit** descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are **my Son**, whom **I love**; with you I am **well pleased**." Luke 3:21-22 NIV*

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- The affirmation of the Father, and the Spirit's empowerment



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*"You are **my Son**, whom **I love**; with you I am **well pleased**." Luke 3:22 NIV*

"You are my son. Today I have become your Father." Psalm 2:7 NIV



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*"You are **my Son**, whom **I love**; with you I am **well pleased**." Luke 3:22 NIV*

*"Take your son, your only son, whom you love."
Genesis 22:2 NIV*



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*"You are **my Son**, whom **I love**; with you I am **well pleased**." Luke 3:22 NIV*

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations."

Isaiah 42:1 NIV

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 1 Cor 11:28 NIV

