

Fellowship Baptist Church, January 24, 2016 P.M.  
Message: "John the Baptist, His message"—John 1:15-28

INTRODUCTION: John's message was twofold: Repent from sin & Behold the Lamb of God! Before receiving Jesus there must be conviction of sin. The Jews knew exactly what the phrase, "Behold the Lamb of God" meant. They were familiar with the OT system of sacrifices. John's message was simple but plain. Turn from sin and turn to Christ! It is the same message the world needs today. John's message came from God (Luke 3:2)

- A. Came from a life spent alone with God in the desert.
  - B. John's message was not born of man's philosophy.
  - C. John's message was not learned in the school of religion.
  - D. John's message came directly from God.
- I. John's message was all about Christ.—John 1:15 (Luke 3:2-18)
- A. His message told of the coming Christ.
    - 1. He was the Lord's messenger.—Luke 3:4-6
    - 2. He called for repentance.—Luke 3:7-14
    - 3. He was not the Christ.—Luke 3:15-18 (John 3:23-30)
  - B. His message pointed to Jesus as the Savior.—Luke 3:6, 16-17; John 3:23-30
    - 1. He would divide men.—Luke 3:9, 17.
    - 2. He would baptize with the Holy Ghost.
  - C. His sign was to be the Spirit of God.—John 1:29-34.
- II. The content of John's message.
- A. Jesus is eternal.—John 1:15 (v. 30).
  - B. Jesus is the means of the grace of God.—John 1:17 (Read Dr. Scofield's note.)
    - 1. Jesus is the deliverer of the grace of God.
    - 2. The Law demands payment.
    - 3. Grace is a gift.
  - C. Jesus reveals God the Father.—John 1:18
  - D. Jesus is the Lamb of God.—John 1:29.
  - E. Jesus is the bridegroom.—John 3:29-30
    - 1. He must increase; We must decrease.
    - 2. Christ must have the preeminence.—Col. 1:18

CONCLUSION: John's message was all about Jesus. The message we have to give the world is Jesus the Savior.