Text: Luke 3:1-20Monroe Bible ChurchTopics: Baptism, Coming of Christ, Judgment, RepentanceAugust 20, 2023Series: That You Know JesusPastor Dan Krahenbuhl

The Issue of Readiness

I. The Message Came (3:1-2)

God gave John a message, for it was *time*.

II. The Message Conveyed (3:3-6)

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. In Luke 3:1-2 God gave John a message for that time. Can you think of a message God has given you or us for this time? Explain.

2. Read Luke 3: 3-6. What is John talking about in Luke 3:4-6?

What is "a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins"?

Are there obstacles hindering Christ's enriching presence in your life? What change might be in order?

3. John clarifies his message in Luke 3:7-20 – repentance is action and judgment is coming.

What warning does he give in verses 7-9?

How does John answer the question "What shall we do?" by three different groups in verses 10-14?

If you asked Christ, "What shall I do?" in response to repentance, what might He say?

John reassures his listeners of a coming judgment in verses 15-20. You know judgment day is coming. What are you doing with that knowledge?

John preached that repentance for forgiveness of sins was <u>necessary</u> to <u>be ready</u> for the arrival of the <u>Christ</u>.

II. The Message Clarified (3:7-20)

John clarified his message – repentance is with <u>action</u>, and judgment is with <u>certainty</u>.