

Advent Thoughts on John the Baptist
Luke 3: 15-16 John 3:25-36

In Jesus Name

THE PROPHET OF ADVENT ... JOHN THE BAPTIST

* Why Jesus came ... 1 John 3:5 & 8 *"You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin ... The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."*

*For _____ years there was no voice from God through a prophet. Then John came. He confronted _____, but he told them that - the Messiah is here and offered _____.

*How are you doing in offering hope? Do you ever tell people, 'Look what God did for me?'

* Matthew 3:5 *Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him...*

*People flocked to John to be baptized by him. He told people to _____ their sins and be baptized. Did he say that just Gentiles needed to be baptized? OR who did John say needed to be baptized? _____.

*What's the first step in approaching someone who thinks he or she is saved and very well might not be? _____

* 2 Corinthians 4:4 *In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

*Luke 3:15-16 *As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

*John was so popular in all the land of the Jews because of his message and the hope he gave. He was so popular, in fact, it went to his head and he got proud. _____ True _____ False

*Soon Jesus was drawing large crowds and very few were coming to John for baptism. John's followers were upset. John said, 'I'm the best man at the wedding. He's the Bridegroom. The Glory belongs to _____.'

*John 3:30 *"He must _____, and I must _____."*

***HUMILITY ... JOHN'S STRONGEST QUALITY**

*Psalm 113:6-7 *"God _____ down to behold the heavens and the earth."*

*Philippians 2:6-7 The greatest humility ever *"Jesus thought He was God - didn't count _____ with God something to be held onto. But made Himself _____."*

*The greatest act of humility on our part is to receive the free _____ of forgiveness and eternal life.

*Romans 12:3 *"Don't consider yourself _____ than you ought."* Humility is how you see _____.

*Here's how Jesus saw Himself - Mark 18:45 *"I came not to be _____ but to _____ and give Myself as a Ransom for many."* What does that say to us?

*Are you a controller? _____ Me? _____ Well

*We need to pray for _____ to deal with our pride, and the Holy Spirit will give it to us.

*Romans 12:15 *"_____ with those who _____ and weep with those who weep."*

*Hebrews 6:10 *"God is not unjust to overlook your work and the love you show."* Is it enough that God sees and knows even when we don't get the affirmation?

*Mark 9:35 *"If you want to be _____ you must be _____ and the _____ of all."*

PLEASE MEMORIZE: "He must increase and I must decrease."

