<u>Series</u>: The Son of Man <u>Title</u>: The Preparation for the Messiah <u>Text</u>: Luke 3

I. The Times of the Messiah: (Vs 1a)

- A. World wide Regime change: (Vs 1)
- B. Regional Changes: (Vs 1b)
- C. <u>Religious Changes</u>: (Vs 2)
 - 1. Annas & Caiaphas
 - 2. John the Baptist: (Mal 3:1; 4:5-6)(Is 40:3-4)

Angel Confirms that John the Baptist is the Fulfillment: (Lk 1:17)

Jesus confirms that John the Baptist is the Fulfillment (Matt 11:13-14) (Matt 17:10-13)

II. The Preparation of the Son of Man to be Revealed:

A. <u>The Message of Preparation</u>: (Vs 3-9)
(Vs 4-6) The ultimate fulfillment of verse 5
(Vs 7-9) <u>A Personal Call for Repentance</u>.
(Vs 8a) Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance
(Vs 8b) "God is able of these stones to raise up children"
(Vs 9) the "axe is laid upon the root of the trees: every tree

B. <u>The Response to the Message</u>: (Vs 10-14)

1. Their Baptism:

2. Their Behavior:

- i. <u>The Common People</u>: (Vs 10-11)
- ii. <u>The Publicans</u>: (vs 12-13)
- iii. The Soldiers: (Vs 14)

These things are the Cost of Discipleship: (Eph 4:22-32)

III. The Speculation & Hope of the Son of Man: (Vs 15)

(Vs 16) John announces the Son of Man is here! but not me! (Vs 17-18) John urges them: take this seriously: (Acts 19:4-5) (Vs 19-20) John diminishes so Christ can increase.

IV. The Baptism of the Son of Man: (Vs 21-22)

(Vs 21) Jesus publicly identified Himself with the gospel.

NOTE: (Vs 22) Trinity Present at His Baptism. (Matt 3:15).
1. Jesus doesn't ask us to do something He's not willing to do.
2. Jesus Identified Himself with John the Baptist's Doctrine.

V. The Genealogy of the Son of Man: (Vs 23-38)