

JOHN - FRUIT FOR CHRISTMAS Luke 3:1-18 *Advent* 12-13-15

John is not our favorite Christmas character.

You can't get to Jesus w/o 1st passing by John. This is Good news!

1. SUMMONED TO REPENT

*** You Must Change Your Ways!**

- ~ What does John tell us?
- ~ John senses Jesus is coming to change the world!

*** What Happened To Repent?**

- ~ A lost practice in church today? **1 Jn.1:8**
 - Why listen to John?
- ~ Build a culture of repentance...or we miss the gospel!

2. HOW DO WE CHANGE?

*** What Do We Need To Do?**

- ~ What we **know** ... & what we *don't know* ...
- ~ John's simple challenge: "Be nice!"
- ~ Start where you are to make simple changes in ordinary things you do.

*** How Do We Change?**

- ~ We know what we ought to do, but we can't! ***We need help!***
- ~ So now we are ready for Christmas!!
- ~ John points us to Jesus!
- ~ Why do we need God's greatest love to us in Jesus?

Yes, even judgment is good news, when it brings us to Jesus!!!