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Unit I: GOD Prepares the Way
Subject: John Prepares the Way
Text: Luke 3:2-6, 15-18

Key Verse:

He came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins (Luke 3:3, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) He Preached the Word (Luke 3: 2-6)**
- 2) He Reached the World (Luke 3: 15-18)**

Introduction

Can you recall or remember someone in your life that paved the way for you as a child, perhaps, it was an older brother or an older sister who went before you and did things right so that you would not have to go through such hardship. Well, GOD prepared and ordained such a person to go before HIS Son to proclaim HIS Son's coming. This person was John the Baptist the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth who was ordained to go before the Messiah and to preach the baptism of repentance and the remission of sins unto the people. John the Baptist would be the voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the LORD, make HIS path straight. This lesson helps us to understand that we are to witness and to preach the Word (JESUS CHRIST) unto the World.

Lesson Pointer # 1

- He Preached the Word (Luke 3:2-6)**

John who was a member of a prominent priestly family, was called by GOD to the ministry from the womb of his mother (read Luke 1:13-17). John had likely known of the call of GOD upon his life for many years. But the time for John to step into ministry had arrived for it was the appointed time of GOD. John received the Word of GOD to his people and emerged from obscurity in the wilderness to declare GOD's Word to all the region of the Jordan river (Luke 3:2). John the Baptist ministry did not start in the cities but rather it started in the countryside, John the Baptist most likely ministered in small villages, unto poor, and outcast people who were struggling to survive and who had pressed their way under great duress to attend the holy festivals in Jerusalem. John the Baptist message from GOD was short and to the point, saying "repent so that GOD may forgive you of your sins (Luke 3:3). John the Baptist was not the one who would grant salvation but instead was the one who was called by GOD to prepare the way for the unfolding of JESUS CHRIST'S ministry (Luke 3:4-6).

Lesson Pointer # 2

- **He Reached the World (Luke 3:15-18)**

Now, all the people were in expectation, wanting to know whether John was the Messiah or not (Luke 3:15). John the Baptist answered them, saying unto them all, that he indeed baptize you with water; but that one mightier than him (John) cometh, and HIS (Jesus Christ) shoe latchet John the Baptist are not worthy to unloose; It is HE who shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16). John the Baptist spoke with boldness and fearlessness to those who had grown comfortable within their sins, and compared the very wicked to chaff, the very useless outer layer of grain, and John the Baptist compared the obedient and just to nourishing grains of wheat (Luke 3:17). Now, throughout the days of John the Baptist ministry, he spoke of many other messages about the GOOD NEWS of JESUS CHRIST (Luke 3:18).

John Prepares the Way!

Lesson Nuggets

- 1) **One came out of the wilderness into all of the country of Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins (Luke 3:3; Matthew 3:1; Mark 1:4).**
- 2) **John the Baptist the fore runner, making the way of the LORD (Luke 3:4; Isaiah 40:3; John 1:23).**
- 3) **All shall see the Salvation of the LORD (Luke 3:6; Psalm 98:2; Isaiah 52:10).**
- 4) **John the Baptist not worthy to loose JESUS CHRIST'S shoe lachets (Luke 3:16; Matthew 3:11).**
- 5) **The wicked is as the chaff, and the obedient and just is as the grain of wheat (Luke 3:17; Micah 4:12; Matthew 13:30).**