



Redeeming Notes

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"A Voice in the Wilderness"

Matthew 3:1-9

I. John was a man.

A. By the way he **lived his life**.

"A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."
Luke 12:15

"Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes." Luke 12:23

Only a **Person** can fulfill another **person**

B. By his attitude toward the whole question of **popularity**

"What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?"
Matthew 11:7

He was a man of **integrity**

Truth was his banner, **honesty** was his way

- The way he speaks to the **great men** of the day.

"You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"
Matthew 3:7

- In his attitude toward **Herod**

"It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." Matthew 14:4

II. John was a man of God.

His whole life and attitude **breathed God**

"The lion has roared – who will not fear? The Sovereign Lord has spoken – who can but prophesy?" Amos 3:8

"Thus saith the Lord!"

III. John was a man with a message.

"I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" John 1:23

"He must increase, but I must decrease." John 3:30

"Repent, flee from the wrath to come."

Daily Reading Plan:

Monday - Matthew 3

Tuesday - Luke 12

Wednesday - Matthew 11

Thursday - John 1

Friday - John 3