

# The Voice in the Wilderness

Luke 3:1-6

(series #12)

**Intro:** the divine origin of John's baptizing ministry  
- Luke 7:24-30

## I. The Historical Setting of John's Ministry vv. 1-2

- A. Tiberius was caesar
- B. Pilate was governor of Judea
- C. Israel was ruled by a tetrarchy
- D. Annas and Caiaphas were high priests

## II. John's Ministry of Baptism v. 3

- A. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:17
- B. Luke 24:46-47
- C. Acts 20:21

## III. John's Mission Prophesied vv. 4-6

- A. Isaiah 40:3-5
- B. To prepare the way by preaching repentance  
- Matthew 3:2; 4:17
- C. The universal scope of the gospel

**Conclusion:** What made John so great?

- 1) He was uncompromising
- 2) He was faithful
- 3) He was humble - John 1:27, 3:30