

# 30 A.D.

## THE JESUS STORY

Roll Out The Red Carpet  
Luke 3:1-20

### INTRODUCTION: PLOWING BEFORE SOWING

PRINCIPLE #1: Seed is only productive after the soil has been prepared.

PRINCIPLE #2: You cannot appreciate the good news until you first face the bad news head on.

❶ TIME LOCK – A.D. 27 (vv.1-2)

PRINCIPLE #3: God can work through anybody ... even you!

❷ LOCATION – THE JORDAN RIVER NEAR JERICHO (v.3)

❸ FULFILLED PROPHECY – ISAIAH 40:3-5 (vv.4-6)

❹ WARNING – HERE COMES THE JUDGE (vv.7-9)

- ▶ Vipers ▶ Self-deceived
- ▶ Children of wrath ▶ Judgment is at the door

PRINCIPLE #4: Sincere repentance must result in changed behavior.

- ❺ DESIRED FRUIT – THREE EXAMPLES (vv.10-14)
- ▶ Everyone – Share extra good & clothing
  - ▶ Tax Collectors – Don't overcharge people
  - ▶ Soldiers – Don't abuse your power & be content with your pay

PRINCIPLE #5: Righteousness is generally expressed in how we treat others & invest the resources that God gives us on loan.

❻ ARE YOU THE CHRIST? – NO, BUT HE'S COMING (vv.15-17)

❼ JOHN'S "REWARD" – IMPRISONMENT & EVENTUAL BEHEADING (vv.18-20)

PRINCIPLE #6: In this life, righteous believers don't always live happily ever after.

### CONCLUSION: PLOWING UP THE HARD PAN OF YOUR LIFE