

The Mightier One is Coming

(Luke 3:1-20)

1. The power of God's Word

God's word has **power** to call for **moral change**...

here, in preparation for the Lord's forgiveness of sin

in a world of powers, vv 1-6

Political Rule of Tiberius Caesar, Herod the Great → Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias

High Priesthood of Anna & Caiaphas; there are equivalent powers at play today

What kind of re-orientation should we see in Christ's followers?

2. The power of repentance

What God is concerned is a **re-orientation or change** (because of Christ) that makes a difference in the lives of others

3. The power of the coming Christ

Christ (whom John saw as far more superior) alone can bring about **real change**

in a wave of superficial change, vv 7-14

People could just be excited about what's happening & trending & the potential for change

in salvation & judgment, vv 15-17

Christ, & the gospel today, divides people into those who would hear (salvation) & wouldn't (judgment)