

Second Sunday in Advent

△ Mal 3:1-4, Luke 3:1-6

Intro: John the Baptist is starting his work

Setting the scene the players

△ Luke 3:1-2

Emperor Tiberius

A cruel, perverse and self-indulgent ruler

Pontius Pilate

Governor of the Roman province of Judea

In charge of Jesus' trial and death

Herod Anitipas

Son of Herod the Great

He killed John the Baptist

And met Jesus during his trial

Herod Philip - Herod Anitipas' brother

Caiaphas - High Priest

between 18-27 AD

Annas - Caiaphas father

High Priest between 6-15AD

And very influential with his son

John the Baptist

The word came to John

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Israel: Repen for the forgiveness of sins!

Why: to prepare for the coming off the Messiah

So that the people of Israel can see and receive him!

Isaiah 40:3-5: Make straight the paths

Not physical paths, mountains

But all the obstacles we put in the way

And to acknowledge that we have done wrong

Repent: turn around - Turn back to God

As here is your Messiah

Malachi

Spoke about the Messenger

Malachi = Messenger

Q&A - no A&Q

A1: God: I have loved you.-

Q1 Israel: How have you loved us?

Compare yourself to Esau and Edom

A2: God: I am your father

Q2: God: why have you not honoured me as a father?

Look at your temple practices, they are

substanceara

Change or you will suffer the consequences

A3: God: you have wearied me with
your words

Q3: Israel: How did we do that?

By saying that all who do evil are good in God's
sight

And where is this God of justice?

Here is the God of justice

△ Ch 3

My messenger: he will arrive
unannounced and suddenly he is there

But who can endure the messenger of
the covenant

that you value so much

But do not live up to?

Time of purification

Not an easy time at all

Fire

Purification

Until they are truly worshipping the Lord

Time of judgement

Against sorcery, adultery, those who lie,
oppress the workers, the widows, the
foreigners

Those who do not fear God

Otherwise they would not do these things!

But also reassurance

God has not changed

Therefore you have not died

But return to me

But return to me

Elijah

Mal 4:5-6

He will return to announce the Messiah

This is the background

Judgement & Refining

Repentance for the forgiveness of sins

This is how John the Baptist called the people of Israel to prepare themselves for the coming Messiah

What about us?

This is also how we have to prepare ourselves

For Christmas

For Christ

He is coming

He is standing at the door and knocks

Are you able to open the door

And repent and and welcome him in?

Further and deeper into our lives?

That is the challenge of this Advent Sunday

