

## SEVEN STRANGE PREACHERS

⇒ **Text:** Matthew 3:1-5

⇒ **Intro:**

○ When we read the description of John the Baptist in our text we see he was a strange preacher!

- 1. We see He had a strange message – “Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
- 2. He had a strange pulpit – “the wilderness of Judaea”
- 3. He had a strange form of dress – “raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins;”
- 4. He had a strange diet – “his meat was locusts and wild honey.”

○ Let's notice some other strange preachers in the Bible.

⇒ **I. Gen. 8:11 - NOAH'S DOVE**

○ The dove brought a message about the faithfulness of God

- God was faithful in His promise to Noah – Ge. 6:17-22, Ge. 8:1

⇒ **II. Num. 22:28 - BALAAM'S DONKEY**

○ The donkey brought a message of rebuke.  
○ Balak, King of Moab sent for Balaam to come and curse the children of Israel.

- Balak promised Balaam great riches and honor.
- God told Balaam not to go with Balak's men and not to curse the people because they were blessed.
- Balaam went any way and angered the Lord.
  - **See Numbers 22:21-34**

⇒ **III. 1 Kings 17:6 - ELIJAH'S RAVENS**

○ The ravens brought the message of Romans 8:28.

- **See vs. 1-6**

⇒ **IV. Luke 16:21- THE RICH MAN'S DOGS**

○ The dogs brought a message of compassion.

- The dogs help relieve the suffering of Lazarus by the licking of his sores
- The rich man's dogs had more compassion than the rich man.

• The rich man had the means to relieve the Lazarus's suffering.

- But he did not.

• When the tables were turned the rich man wanted compassion but it was too late.

○ Man needs to seek the compassion of God while he is alive after he is dead too late.

⇒ **V. Luke 22:60-62 - SIMON PETER'S ROOSTER**

○ The rooster brought a message of repentance.

⇒ **VI. Acts 12:23 - HEROD'S WORMS**

○ The worms brought a message of judgment.

- **See vs. 21-23**

○ Pride brings judgment – **Prov. 16:18**

- “God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.” James 4:6

⇒ **VII. Jonah 1:17 – Jonah's Whale**

○ The whale brought a message of chastisement.

○ God told Jonah to “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.”

- Jonah was disobedient and got ~~own~~ <sup>off</sup> the boat to Tarshish.

- **See Prov. 3:12**

○ We see Jonah got right with God.

- See Jonah 2:10 – 3:1-3.

• We know that Jonah preached God's message and that heathen repented of their wickedness and God's judgment was stayed.

⇒ **Conclusion:**

○ As we have looked at these seven strange preachers we are reminded of what the Apostle Paul said in **See 1 Cor. 1:27-29.**