

Luke 3:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Luke's summary—'many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people'—indicates John's ministry extended beyond recorded material. The word 'exhortation' (Greek 'parakaleon') means encouraging, warning, and urging—comprehensive pastoral ministry. That he 'preached...the gospel' (Greek 'euangelizeto') shows Old Testament preaching, like New Testament, centered on good news of salvation. This demonstrates gospel proclamation isn't limited to post-resurrection preaching but characterized all faithful biblical ministry. John's gospel emphasized repentance, coming judgment, and the Messiah who would save and judge. His varied exhortations model that faithful preaching applies eternal truth to diverse situations and audiences.

Historical Context

John's wilderness ministry lasted approximately six months to a year before Jesus began public ministry. His varied exhortations addressed different groups (crowds, tax collectors, soldiers) with specific applications while maintaining consistent gospel core. Luke's summary indicates extensive ministry beyond brief recorded samples.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Old Testament gospel preaching relate to New Testament evangelism?
2. What does varied exhortation to different audiences teach about applying unchanging truth?
3. Why is both warning (judgment) and encouragement (salvation) essential to gospel proclamation?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Acts 2:40 (Parallel theme): And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.