



**Community Bible Experience: New Testament
A Wild & Crazy Guy: John The Baptist (Luke 3:1-20)
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BIG IDEA: Total obedience to God is often misread as craziness by the world.

- Sometimes God wants us to be a little crazy in the eyes of the world, a little unpredictable, a little abnormal or different to do in and through us what *He* wants to accomplish in the world.

Learning To Live Like John

1. He was crazy in living simply & generously. (v11)

- John the Baptist's story is a lesson for us to live simply and generously. Our culture says accumulate, more and bigger. God says keep what you need, give the rest away!

2. He was crazy in living a life of integrity. (v12-14)

- John's life is one that God used to challenge all kinds of people. It wasn't just the religious that took notice of his life.

3. He was crazy in his humility. (v15-16)

- John shows us with his life, a life that God used, that while it might be crazy in the world's eyes to not take all the credit, God tears down the proud and uses the humble.

NEXT STEP:

How might I live a life others see as crazy by living more simply? Generously? Humbly? With more integrity?

FOR MY PERSONAL TIME WITH GOD THIS WEEK:

1. Read your second week's readings as part of the Community Bible Experience. If you prefer, you can download the CBE app, add the CBE readings to your YouVersion Bible app, or listen to it via audio. For all of these resources, go to www.gracetucson.org/cbe-resources.
2. As you do your readings, consider these 5 questions (which will be the 5 questions everyone shares in their book clubs next week):
 1. What's something you noticed for the first time?
 2. What questions did you have?
 3. Was there anything that bothered you?
 4. What did you learn about loving God?
 5. What did you learn about loving others?

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