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- Herod Antipas tetrarch of Galilee 4 B.C. to A.D. 39 Son of Herod the Great
- Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and Trachonitis 4 B.C. to A.D. 34 Son of Herod the Great
- Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene. Not of the Herodian dynasty. Less is known of him but an inscription with a dedication to the "Augustus lords" comes from a Lysanias which would put him in the time period of the only two Roman emperors, Tiberius and his predecessor, who claimed that title.

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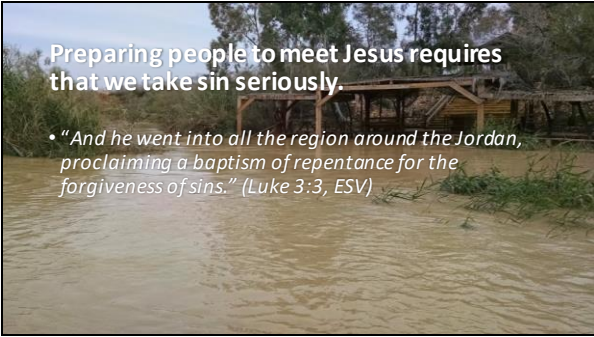
Annas-High Priest in Israel A.D. 6 -15
 Caiaphas-High Priest in Israel A.D. 18-36, son-in-law of Annas



Ossuary with the inscription:
 Joseph son of Caiaphas
 Discovered in 1990 immediately south of the city of Jerusalem.

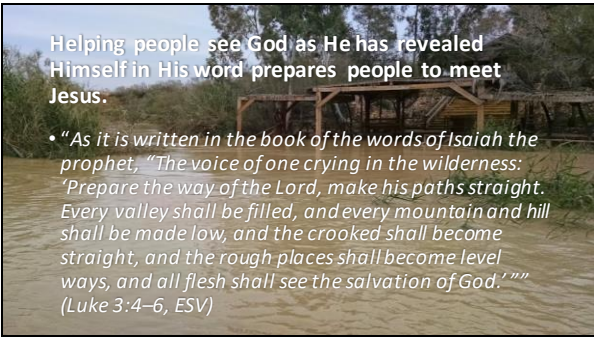
God uses people to prepare people to meet Jesus.

• *"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness." (Luke 3:1-2, ESV)*



Preparing people to meet Jesus requires that we take sin seriously.

- *“And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” (Luke 3:3, ESV)*



Helping people see God as He has revealed Himself in His word prepares people to meet Jesus.

- *“As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”” (Luke 3:4–6, ESV)*
