

A Voice in the Wilderness

Read Luke 3:1-6

While most people,
 even God's people,
were preoccupied with the world's celebrities,
God's living, sovereign, creative word
 was coming to a man alone in the desert.

He had none of the world's
 soft clothing,
 soft ways, or
 soft words.

Everything about him was
 raw and
 real.

He was a voice crying in the wilderness,
 in the world's wildest, most untamed place.
God had met His people there before.
He had led them through this desert for forty years,
 teaching them,
 confronting them,
 purifying them,
 drawing them to Himself.

He had isolated them from
 every other comfort and
 every other source of supply,
to show them that He alone was
 their bread,
 their security,
 their truth,
 their God.

Now, through this Baptizer, He was calling them again.
He was calling them back out to the wilderness,
back out to die to their sins and rise to
 new life,
 untamed life,
 pure and all-sufficient life in Himself alone.

Hymn: [Go to the Wilderness!](#)