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Luke 3: 11 – 14 “John answered, ‘The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.’ Tax collectors also came to be baptised. ‘Teacher’, they asked, ‘What should we do?’ ‘Don’t collect any more than you are required to,’ he told them. Then some soldiers asked him, ‘And what should we do?’ He replied. ‘Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely – be content with your pay.’”

John the Baptist must have stirred things up with his preaching, baptising and giving straight, and not always welcome answers to anxious questioners. People wondered if he was the long awaited Messiah who would release them from Roman oppression.

Yet he was only speaking about principles of sharing, caring and honesty as the way to confession of wrong doing and redemption from a forgiving God for those who truly repent and mend their ways. Just as true today as 2000 years ago.