I. The Harvest & the Laborers

A. The "GOOD NEWS" proclaimed by John & Jesus

1. Repent to enter the Kingdom: Matt. 3:2; Matt. 4:7

2. This is the "Good News of the Kingdom": Mark 1:14; Matt. 4:23; Luke 8:1

3. Jesus sent the disciples to preach this message to Israel first: Luke 10:1-12

4. Jesus eventually sent them to all the nations: Matt. 24:14; Matt. 28:20

B. Jesus likens evangelism to "harvesting"

1. John 4:27-38 The fields are ready to be harvested, but the laborers are few

a. vs. 36 Christ's laborers receive wages from ministry

b. vs. 37-38 The prophets planted, and Apostles reaped.

2. Luke 10:1-7 The same is said when commissioning His disciples to preach

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b. Paul expounded on this concept in 1 Cor. 9:1-14; 1 Tim. 5:17

C. The first "harvest" was in Judea, when Jesus baptized more than John.

D. The second "harvest" took place in Samaria John 4:39-42

1. Not ONLY was repentance and baptism necessary to enter the Kingdom, but also to acknowledge the Messiah (vss. 25-26,29,42) Psalm 2

E. Isaiah prophesied of the coming "laborers" proclaiming the "Good News"

1. Isaiah 52:1-15

2. Rom. 10:14-21

F. We need more men with "beautiful feet" – who proclaim the "Gospel of the Kingdom" uncorrupted by either the Judaizers or the Hellenists – NEW WINESKINS.