

Scripture

Mark 1:1-8 (NLT)

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

- 1 This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began 2 just as the prophet Isaiah had written:
“Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way.
- 3 He is a voice shouting in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him!’”

- 4 This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven.
- 5 All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.

- 6 His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild Honey.
- 7 John announced: “Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am--so much greater that I’m not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals. 8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!”