



Sermon: "Preparing the Way"
Text: Mark 1:1-8
Date: Preached on October 2, 2011

This Week's Fighter Verse: Titus 3:4-6
Next Week's Fighter Verse: Isaiah 46:9-11

Personal/Experience

Suggested time: 5-10 min.

What was/is your response to this text or sermon?

Observation: What does the text say?

Suggested time: 10-15 min.

List the four main points or aspects about John the Baptist given in the sermon. What one stood out to you the most and why?

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What are some things we know about John the Baptist? See Luke 1 and Matthew 3 for more information.

Interpretation: What does the text mean?

Suggested time: 10-15 min.

How is John the Baptist significant to what was written in the Old Testament? (See Isaiah 40; Mal 3, 5) What was His role?

What was John preaching and why was he baptizing people? Why were people choosing to be baptized?

Why do you think John's message and actions (baptizing) fit the role of "Preparer of the Way of the Lord"?

List the *four implications* of this text as given in the sermon. What one or two stand out to you?

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What is repentance? How does it relate to confessing sins? What type of attitude is required? (See Luke 5:32; 24:47)

Application: What does the text mean for us today?

Suggested time: 10-15 min.

One of our greatest needs is to truly understand our own sinfulness and need to repent and turn to God. Have you repented and turned to God through Christ?

One sign of whether we have repented or not is if we are repenting when sin (our own sin) is brought to our attention. What sin in your life is God convicting you of that you need to confess to God and turn to Him for help?

Baptism was not only a practice for John's day. Jesus made it clear in Matthew 28:18-20 that all disciples are to be baptized. Have you been baptized? If not, what keeps you from getting baptized?

Next Week's Sermon Text: Mark 1:1-13

Suggested Reading: Matthew 4; Psalm 2; Isaiah 64