

Sermon Handout: John the Baptist Week 1

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Main Points:

- 1. John the Baptist was the promised forerunner of Jesus.** John the Baptist's life and ministry were foretold to prepare the way for the Lord, as prophesied in the OT by the prophets Isaiah and Malachi.
- 2. John proclaimed the arrival of the victorious King.** Just as John prepared the way for Jesus' first coming (removing the obstacles and telling of the coming arrival of the King), we are called to prepare the way for the second coming of King Jesus.
- 3. We can prepare the way for King Jesus like John.** We are called to be beacons of light by sharing the good news of Jesus with others. Like John, we are heralds of the King. The difference for us is that we proclaim Christ has come and will return!

Bottom Line: Prepare the way by making followers of the Way.

Application / Next Steps:

- Seek God's Word
- Proclaim God's Truth
- Remain Vigilant Until Christ Returns

Helpful Discipleship Resources:

The Bible App:

Lectio365:

RightNow Media

Family Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever been interrupted by important or urgent news? How did you respond?
2. Do you think Gospel is an important and urgent message for you to share? Why or why not?
3. What are some ways we can seek God's Word together as a family? How can we proclaim God's truth together? How can we remain vigilant as a family until Christ returns?
4. What resources are most helpful to our family to stay connected with God and with each other? How can we use those things to become a beacon of light in our community?

Scripture References: Isaiah 40:3, 9-11; Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6; Luke 1:14-17, 57-80; John 1:14-18, 29-31; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 2:10

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