

Adult Bible Study

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Opening Prayer

When you receive a big bunch of mail, which do you read first?

Background: This is a fulfillment of Isaiah 40:3-5, thought of as predicting the arrival of John the Baptist to warn of the coming of the Messiah.

Mark 1:1-12

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **2** As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; **3** the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," " **4** John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **6** Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. **8** I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Questions

1. Why is John's ministry so popular?
2. Based on John's message, what kind of person is the crowd anticipating?
3. What do you think the dove and the voice meant to Jesus as he came up out of the water?
4. How would this help to prepare him?

Reflection

1. What from your life illustrates what it means to repent?
 2. John the Baptist "prepared the way of the Lord." Who prepared the way of the Lord in your life?
 3. Jesus heard a voice as He came up out of the water. What would you like to hear that voice say to you?
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Closing Prayer

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