

Message Notes

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The Way Of Jesus: Prepare The Way
Mark 1:1-8
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- Time _____ Jesus, to learn from Jesus, how to live the _____ of Jesus.
- In Mark, the way of Jesus is _____: He's a King who _____.
- In _____ Gospels, Jesus' ministry begins with _____ the Baptist.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send My messenger ahead of You, who will prepare Your way"— "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the LORD, make straight paths for Him.'" Mark 1:2-3

Preparing The Way For Jesus

- _____ yrs before, God promised to first send a messenger. Mal 3:1; Isa 40:1-3
- *Herald* = one who goes _____ to announce the _____ of another.
- Like _____, John humbly calls people to _____ . 1 Kgs 18:21; 2 Kgs 1:8
- John preaches a _____ of _____ . Matt 3:1-12; Luke 3:1-18
- *Repent* = a response that _____ the _____ for God to work His way.
- As people _____ their sins, John baptizes them.
- *Confess* = "say the same as," _____ w/God, bring into _____ . Prov 28:13
- John _____ overrate _____ underrate his part in God's plan. Rom 12:3
- Good news: Jesus can change you from the _____ out. Acts 1:8; 2:38

And this was [John's] message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Mark 1:7-8

Putting This Into Practice

- LORD, as I _____ the way, shine in & through me to _____.

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The Gift Of Confession & Repentance

"Blessed [forgiven, refreshed by God's grace] are those who mourn [over their sins and repent], for they will be comforted [when the burden of sin is lifted]."

Matthew 5:4 AMP

Possible Sins To Confess To God Do any of these stand out for you?

- Words I've spoken or written that pollute or tear down. Eph 4:29-30; 5:4
- Thoughts I fill my mind with that are false, impure or wrong. Psalm 19:14
- Refusing to forgive or reconcile. Matthew 5:23-24; Mark 10:25
- Impatience, arrogance & pride. Luke 18:9-14; 1 Corinthians 13:4-6
- Spreading discord & division, being argumentative. Galatians 5:20
- Unbelief, disobedience, resisting the Holy Spirit. John 8:24; Acts 7:51
- Lying, cheating, deception. Ephesians 4:25
- Jealousy, envy or coveting what other people have. Exodus 20:17; Titus 3:3
- Greed, love of money, selfish ambition. 1 Timothy 6:9-10
- Lust, sexual immorality, adultery, pornography. Ephesians 5:3; 1 Thess 4:3-8
- Stealing, shoplifting, vandalizing another's property. Ephesians 4:28
- Resentment, bitterness, a judgmental, critical spirit. Matt 7:1-5; Heb 12:14-15
- Witchcraft, sorcery, dabbling w/demonic spirits. Acts 19:18-20; Galatians 5:20
- Drunkenness, overindulgence, uncontrolled addictions. Gal 5:21; Eph 5:18

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Psalm 139:23-24

Cleanse me...and I will be clean. Wash me and I will be whiter than snow.
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:7,10