

The Gospel of Mark

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26 Unforgettable Characters

Touched by the Master's Hand.



John The Baptist

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 desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs 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 1:2-8

And it will be said: "Clean it up! Prepare the road (way)! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people."

For this is what the high and lofty One says – He who lives forever, whose name is holy:

"I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. – Isaiah 57:14-15

"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness... Malachi 3:1-3

John the Baptist was a messenger...

1. He Was Rowdy
2. He Was Right
3. He Was Ready



John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. – Mark 1:6

John Was Rowdy

"He was touched by Jesus from his mother's womb."

He makes his ministers a Flaming Fire.



John Was Right

"He Preached Repentance and Penance."

I John 1:5-10 5. This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, **we lie** and do not live by the truth. 7. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 8. If we claim to be without sin, **we deceive ourselves** and the truth is not in us. 9. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10. If we claim we have not sinned, we **make him out to be a liar** and his word has no place in our lives.

John Was Ready

"The coming of the Lord is near. Are you ready?"

God of Creation is a God of Great Expectations.

God is going to do an exceptional thing, something new, something different, something good, something powerful, something earthshaking, something life-changing, something revolutionary, something transforming, something extra-ordinary.

**God promised we will never be the same again.
What would it be like if...God got his way with you?**

You are living a boring life... John didn't! He prepared the way. He was ready.