

Field Expedition Overview (Leader Guide)

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FAITH ADVENTURE THROUGH THE LIFE & MISSION OF CHRIST

Digging for Truth (Lesson): **The Proclaimer**

- Read:
 - **Luke 1:39-45**
 - **John 1:6-13**
- Supporting Verses
 - **Isaiah 40:3 NASB** | A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.
 - **Malachi 4:5-6 NASB** | Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.
 - **John 3:28-30 NASB** | You yourselves are my witness that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent ahead of Him.' He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So the joy of mine has been made full. He must increase, but I must decrease.
 - **Luke 1:17 NASB** | It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TOTURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Compass (Ultimate Truth - Bottom Line): **Prepare your heart**

- John the Baptist lived his life bodily proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah. His entire life mission was focused preparing people for the arrival of Christ and once Christ revealed Himself John pointed them to Him.
- John was a great example of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). We can look to His example.

Lantern - **A Light in the Darkness (Gospel Connection)**

- John the Baptist proclaimed Jesus as the savior of the world. Only Jesus can take away the sins of the world.
 - **John 1:29b NASB** | "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Brushing Away Debris (Questions)

- What does proclaim mean?
- What was John proclaiming?
- How did John prepare the way for Jesus?
- What Did John tell the people they need to do?