

Why Christmas?
John Prepared the Way
John 1:6-8

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John 1:6-8 (NIV): ⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

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John 1:6 (NIV): ⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Malachi 4:5-6 (NIV): ⁵“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. ⁶He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Luke 1:14-15 (NIV): ¹⁴“He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.”

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SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Luke 1:41 (NIV): ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

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Matthew 3:4 (NIV): ⁴ John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

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John 1:27 (NIV): ²⁷ "He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

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Matthew 14:3-4 (NIV): ³ Now Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, ⁴ for John had been saying to him: "It is not lawful for you to have her."

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 11:2 (NIV): ² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

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Matthew 14:10 (NIV): ¹⁰ and had John beheaded in the prison.

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Matthew 11:11 (NIV): ¹¹ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

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