

WHAT MADE JOHN GREAT?

Mark 1:1-8

1. He prepared people to meet God

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" (1-3)

2. He preached repentance

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. (4-5)

3. He practiced humility

Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. (6)

4. He pointed people to Jesus

And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (7-8)