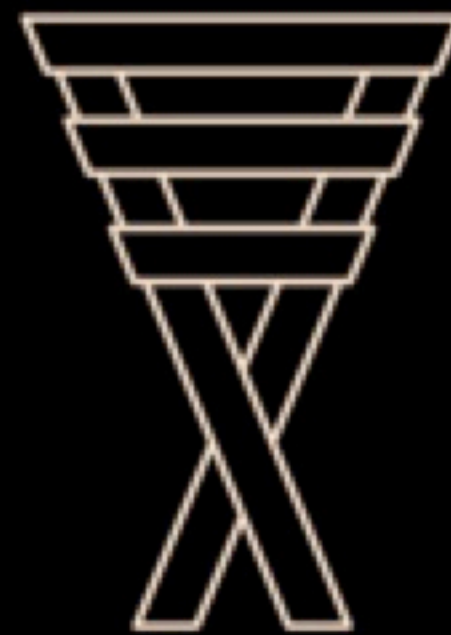




PREPARE THE WAY

H O P E C O M E S A T C H R I S T M A S



PREPARATION
REQUIRES CHANGE

**This is the Good News about Jesus
the Messiah, the Son of God. **It
began** just as the prophet Isaiah
had written:**

Mark 1:1-2

“Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will **prepare your way. He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘**Prepare the way** for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him!””**

Mark 1:2-3

This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be **baptized** to show that they had **repented** of their sins and **turned** to God to be forgiven.

Mark 1:4

REPENTANCE

**A REORIENTATION OF MY WAY
OF LIFE**

**REPENTANCE IS A DRAMATIC
CHANGE - A COMPLETE
REORIENTATION**

All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they **confessed** their sins, he **baptized** them in the Jordan River.

Mark 1:5

**CONFESSION WITHOUT
REPENTANCE IS ONLY WORDS**

His clothes were woven from coarse **camel hair**, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate **locusts** and **wild honey**.

Mark 1:6

**REPENTANCE IS DRAMATIC
AND SEEN OUTWARD
AS MUCH AS INWARD**

John announced: “Someone is **coming soon** who is greater than I am –so much greater that I’m not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals. I **baptize** you with water, but he will **baptize** you with the Holy Spirit!”

Mark 1:7-8

**PREPARING THE WAY FOR
OTHERS IS A MARK
OF TRUE REPENTANCE**

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