



## Sermon Notes

**Epiphany** - the manifestation and revelation that Jesus is the Son of God.

**Prepare the Way of the Lord - Mark 1:1-3** - <sup>1</sup> The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

**Malachi 3:1a** - See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

**Isaiah 40:3** - A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**How can you prepare the way for Jesus to come into another person's life?**

**John's Baptist of Repentance - Mark 1:4-5** - <sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

**Metanoia** - to repent, or to have a change of heart that results in changed behavior.

**John's Message - Mark 1:6-8** - <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**The Baptism of Jesus - Mark 1:9-11** - <sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

**Jesus is who God says he is, and we are who God says we are.**

**Tested in the Wilderness - Mark 1:12-13** - <sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

**Peirazo** - to tempt or test.

**Hebrews 4:15** - <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**How are you being tested to prepare you to serve in ministry? Will you pass the test?**

**Things I would like to remember from today's sermon:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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