

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Matthew 3:1-3, 13-15 (ESV)

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”

Matthew 4:1-3, 11 (ESV)

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came...

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Isaiah 40:3-5

³A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

We are in a place where there needs to be a resurgence of righteousness and rightness.

There needs to be a voice that is full of the Holy Ghost and able to push back against the darkness of Hell.

John 3:13-17 (ESV)

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so

now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

It's important to understand that God does not tempt anyone to sin.

- 1. Be Led by the Holy Spirit.**
- 2. Be Willing to Fast.**
- 3. Speak the Word of God.**
- 4. Know Who You Are.**
- 5. Possess a Divine Persistence.**

2 Corinthians 10:4 (ESV)

⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.