

John Preaching in the Wilderness

Matthew 3:1–6; Mark 1:1–6; Luke 3:2–4, 11, 14

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matthew 3:1–2

John the Baptist lived in the wilderness of Judea (see Matthew 3:1; Luke 3:2). He wore clothes made of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. (See Matthew 3:4; Mark 1:6.)

John traveled throughout Jordan preaching repentance and baptism for the remission of sins. His mission was to prepare the people

for the coming of Jesus Christ. He told them the Lord would soon come and they had to be ready to meet Him. (See Matthew 3:2–3; Mark 1:2–4; Luke 3:3–4.) Many people repented, and John baptized them in the Jordan River (see Matthew 3:5–6; Mark 1:5). He also taught the people to treat others with kindness and to share what they had with those who were in need (see Luke 3:11, 14).

Summary

John the Baptist was a prophet who lived in the wilderness of Judea. His mission was to prepare people for the coming of Jesus Christ.

John taught the people repentance and baptism for the remission of sins. Many believed his words and came to be baptized.

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