

John the Baptist Points to Jesus

Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3; John 1



He will make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Luke 1:17

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John ate crunchy bugs for lunch. He wore an itchy shirt made out of camel's skin. Why?

John had a job to do. An important job. This job did not pay him money. So John lived on what he could find in the wild.

John pointed the way to Jesus. He shouted from the desert, "Repent! Say you are sorry for your sins. God's kingdom is almost here."

Hundreds came. They repented. "We are sorry for our sins." John baptized them in the river. John was a burning light. He shined the way to Jesus.

"John, are you the Messiah?" the crowd asked. "Are you the Holy One we are waiting for?"

"No, it is not me. A man more powerful is coming from heaven," John said. "I am not fit to even untie his sandals."

"Who are you?" the teachers and priests asked.

John said, "I am a voice calling in the wilderness: 'Get ready for your Lord.'"

The Jewish people got ready. It was time to meet the Messiah.

Questions

1. What important job did John the Baptist have?
2. John was like a sign pointing to Jesus. What did he tell the people they needed to do?
3. Who pointed you toward Jesus?
4. Now you can be a sign, too. Who would you like to point toward Jesus?

Dear Messiah Jesus,
You are the one I was waiting for.
Thank you that someone pointed
me toward you! I would like to be
a sign, too. Can you use me to
point a friend to Jesus?

Amen

If you could make a sign to tell others about Jesus,
what would it say? Write it on the sign.

