

January 14, 2018 SERMON NOTES

Series: The Book of Mark

Look Who Is Coming?

Mark 1: ¹ *The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.* ² *As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, I send My messenger ahead of You, Who will prepare Your way; ³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight.'"*

⁴ *John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.* ⁵ *And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.* ⁶ *John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey.* ⁷ *And he was preaching, and saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. ⁸ I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

I. John's special mission: preparing the people for the Messiah.

A. It's all about _____.

1. Jesus is the Messiah.

Jesus (Joshua - the salvation of Jehovah) is the Messiah's _____.

Christ (Greek) is his _____: it is the Greek equivalent of the term "Messiah" (anointed one).

2. God, through the _____, prophesied of John the Baptist and his work.

B. Four things about John's baptism.

1. _____ must precede baptism.

John pointed out it was not about their birth but their _____ that counted with God.

2. _____ is a sign of repentance.

3. Baptism was for the _____.

4. John's baptism was _____ to Christ's baptism.