

A Voice Crying in the Wilderness

Mark 1:2-8

I. Introduction

II. The prophesied coming of John. vv. 2-3

- A. The Lord dispatches His messenger! (2 Cor. 5:17, Is. 40:3, Ex. 23:20)
- B. The voice crying was to prepare the way of the Lord. (Is. 40:3, Jn. 1:6-8)

III. The plain appearance of John. v.6

- A. John's wardrobe and diet point to his good character. (2 Kings 1:8, Lev. 11:22)
- B. Jesus Himself said that there was not anyone greater among men. (Matt. 11:11, Luke 1:15, Num. 6:1-8, Matt. 3:7-8, Jn. 3:30)

IV. The preached message of John. vv. 4, 7-8

- A. Have you repented of your sin? (Lk. 13:5, Rev. 2:16, 2 Tim. 2:25)
- B. Are your sins forgiven? (Matt. 6:12, Acts 2:38, Ps. 34:18)
- C. Have you been baptized? (Matt. 28:19, Rom 6:3, Gal. 3:27)
- D. John prepared the way for the One who would come after him. vv.7-8 (Matt. 3:11, Is. 32:15, Joel 2:28)

V. The powerful impact of John's message. v. 5

- A. John's message produced revival. (Acts 10:46-48, 13:48)
- B. John gave hope of a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2, Is. 11:11-15, Is. 63:11, Is. 32:15)

VI. Conclusion / Application (John 1:29)