

Mark's Gospel—Jesus' True Identity Reveals the Magnitude of His Sacrifice

10:30 Morning Worship Service:

Mark 1:1-11

The King's Highway

*This is an announcement of the new beginning of the
gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

- 1. God Is Making a New Beginning (Gospel) Through His Son (1).**
- 2. Isaiah and the Other Prophets Support This Announcement (2-3).**
- 3. John Came Preparing People Through Baptism for This New Beginning (4-8).**
- 4. The Father & Spirit Confirm Jesus IS God's Beloved Son (9-11).**

Conclusion: God's people have been waiting for Messiah, but they have *not* repented as they should. God had promised that He would send a messenger ahead of the Messiah *to prepare the way before the Lord*. In preparation, the Lord would move among His people and bring about a *great repentance*. In this passage God is doing that in and through Christ as He identifies with His people, being washed in the Jordan to herald a new work among His people. All three persons of the Godhead are engaged in this revelatory work declaring Jesus is the Messiah who has come.

Exodus 23:20-21

²⁰ “Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. ²¹ Pay careful attention to him and obey his voice; do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, for my name is in him.

Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every 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.

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

Malachi 3:1-4

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Malachi 4:5-6

⁵ “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet *before* the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”