

5 July 2026

A voice in the wilderness

¹In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ²and saying, “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”

³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for Him.’” Matthew 3:1-3

1. John the Baptist was a

God gives an message
“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.” Matthew 3”2

God gives an message
The Lord does not want anyone to perish,
but He wants everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

2. John the Baptist was a

A prophet? Yes! Luke 7:24-30
God’s person to the present. Matthew 3:7-8
God’s person to the future. Matthew 3:7-8

3. John the Baptist was

John was predicted Isaiah 40:3-5
John was predicted Malachi 4:5

4. John the Baptist was a

Aaron, only you and your offspring may serve as priests. Num.18:7
entrust to reliable people, 2 Timothy 2:2

5. John the Baptist would be a

It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife! Leviticus 18:16

My prayer priorities for this week

- S 5 Robert & Dianne. **Communion**
- M 6 Martin & Lisa. **Hour of Power, 7-8pm**
- T 7 Lurline & Terry
- W 8 Jim & Rosalie. **Diggers RSL, 11 am**
- T 9 Ian & Eleanor
- F 10 My close and extended family
- S 11 Jean H
- S 12 May & Peter. Taina. **Myanmar**

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Why did both John the Baptist and Jesus make “Repent” the first word of their ministries?
2. What is “the Kingdom of Heaven”, and how near is it?
3. What is the opposite of the Kingdom of Heaven, and how near is it?
4. What feelings are evoked by the words “a voice crying in the wilderness”?
5. On what sort of occasions do we feel like a voice in the wilderness?
6. Why did God not zap John with a happier attitude?
7. List some of John’s actions that prepared the way for the Lord.
8. Do those actions still work today?

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