

The Second Sunday of Advent

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Mark 1: 1 - 8

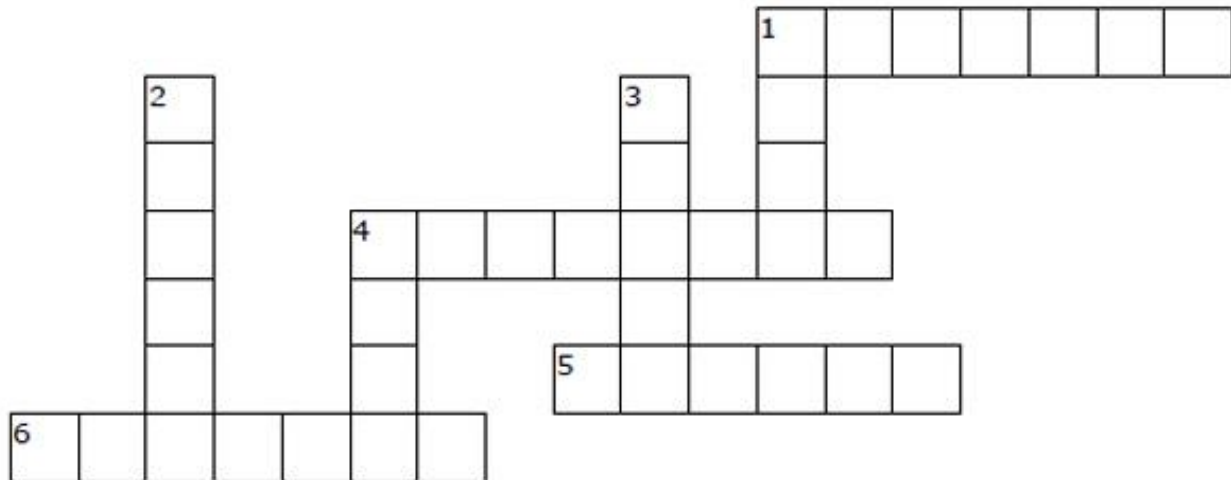


"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,  
MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS."

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## ACROSS

1. To make ready ahead of time
4. Not having any curves or bends
5. A dry, barren region with only a few plants
6. To admit your sins to God

## DOWN

1. A trail made for traveling on foot
2. The river where John baptized people
3. What people use for speaking
4. Actions that break God's law

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J Z P T V R I V E R T U W T P  
T L U S E L K X B A P T I Z E  
N B X U Y R K G Y S L Z L D Q  
M D E S E R T W J O R D A N P  
F O P S A H N I O F Y B J O R  
U H T T J W R U W R O C K S E  
E J O R J C A F V I T Z B O P  
A V H A H W O F D D L H Z G A  
S U J I O N F N L O O G Y N R  
I H I G N I I I F C C L R J E  
N X I H E E W V Y E U L I Q G  
S O A T Y P R O T K S X H I T  
B P H H I P H I L J T S Z U I  
E T K D Z V V C G T S F P I S  
F P A T H S J E S A N D A L S

HONEY

PATHS

STRAIGHT

BAPTIZE

RIVER

WILD

SINS

VOICE

DESERT

LOCUSTS

WORTHY

PREPARE

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SANDALS

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



G	V	H	U	L	R	N	W	C	E	P	T	Ñ	X	Á	F
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Y	J	S	D	I	Ú	Z	O	A	M	Q	K	Ó	Í	B	É
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32

- 11-6-10-11-25-6-10 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-24-21-9-10 \_\_\_\_\_
- 20-10-19-10-6-12 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-12-6-25-21-1-3-12 \_\_\_\_\_
- 11-25-12-3-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9-24-7-16-10-19-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-21-7-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 31-25-11-12-21-23-10 \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A Messenger Sent from God**

It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way."  
Mark 1:2 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.  
Answers can be found in Mark 1:1-8 (NIV)



- \_\_\_ 1. The river where John the Baptist baptized people  
A. Nile B. Jordan C. Danube D. Amazon
- \_\_\_ 2. Having many bends and curves  
A. smooth B. long C. crooked D. straight
- \_\_\_ 3. Having no bends or curves  
A. long B. straight C. crooked D. smooth
- \_\_\_ 4. A dry region with very few plants  
A. oasis B. forest C. river D. desert
- \_\_\_ 5. A sweet, sticky substance made by bees  
A. locust B. milk C. honey D. candy
- \_\_\_ 6. To confess and turn away from sin  
A. repent B. crooked C. sin D. prepare
- \_\_\_ 7. To make things ready  
A. repent B. prepare C. forgive D. sin
- \_\_\_ 8. To do something that is against God's law  
A. repent B. prepare C. sin D. forgive
- \_\_\_ 9. To pardon someone who has done something wrong  
A. sin B. forgive C. repent D. prophet
- \_\_\_ 10. A person who speaks for God, or one who tells what will happen in the future  
A. straight B. forgive C. prophet D. desert



John baptized in the desert region and preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Find 15 things that are different in the 2nd picture.



How is John described?

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

★	A	N	●	L	D	▲	S	O	●	E	H
	M	R		I	U		T	W		C	Y

John wore clothing made of

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,