

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

Mark 1: 1 - 8

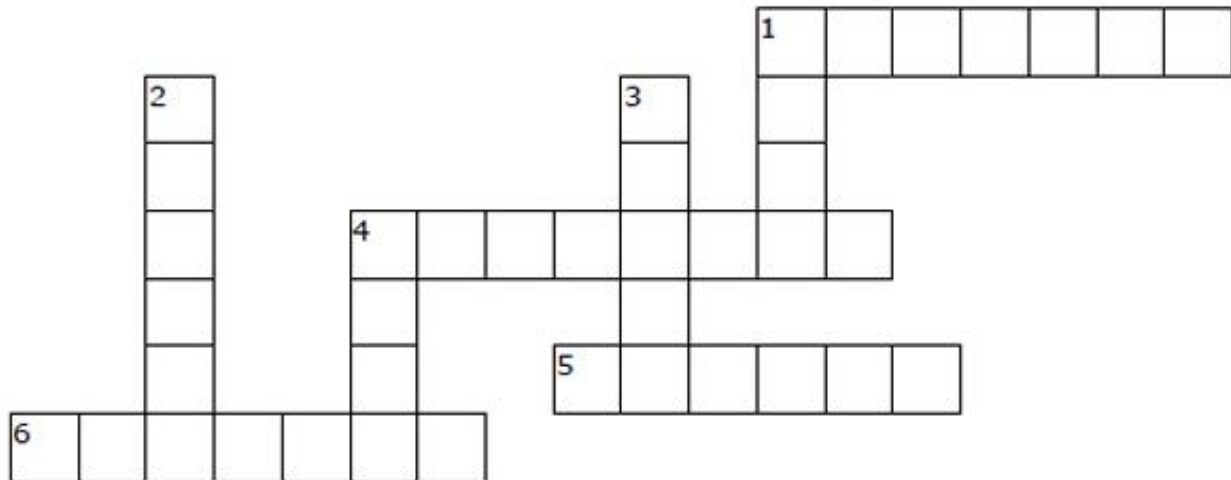


"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS."

Preparing the Way

"A voice calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" Mark 1:3

Puzzle is based on Mark 1:1-8



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

VOICE
JORDAN

PREPARE
DESERT

SINS
PATH

STRAIGHT
CONFESS

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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	BAPTIZE	SINS	LOCUSTS	JORDAN
PATHS	RIVER	VOICE	WORTHY	CONFESS
STRAIGHT	WILD	DESERT	PREPARE	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 _____

BAPTIZE	PREPARE	VOICE	STRAIGHT
SINS	PATHS	DESERT	CONFESS

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)

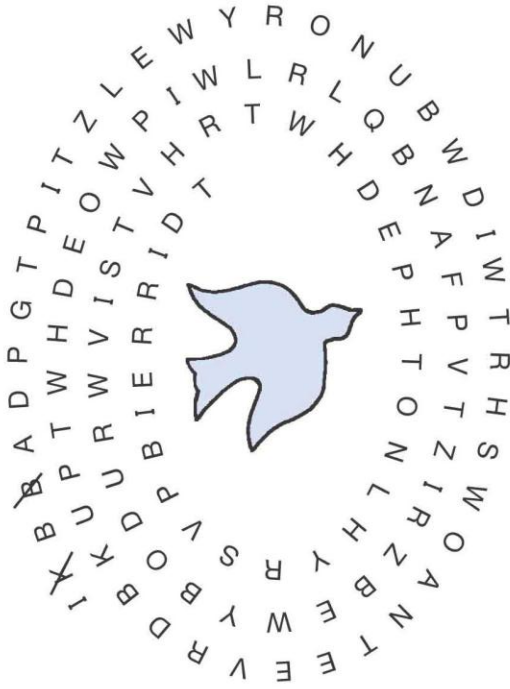


- ___ 1. The river where John the Baptist baptized people
A. Nile B. Jordan C. Danube D. Amazon
- ___ 2. Having many bends and curves
A. smooth B. long C. crooked D. straight
- ___ 3. Having no bends or curves
A. long B. straight C. crooked D. smooth
- ___ 4. A dry region with very few plants
A. oasis 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 said that One who was more powerful than he would come after him.

Cross out every other letter and write the remaining letters on the lines below. The puzzle has been started for you.



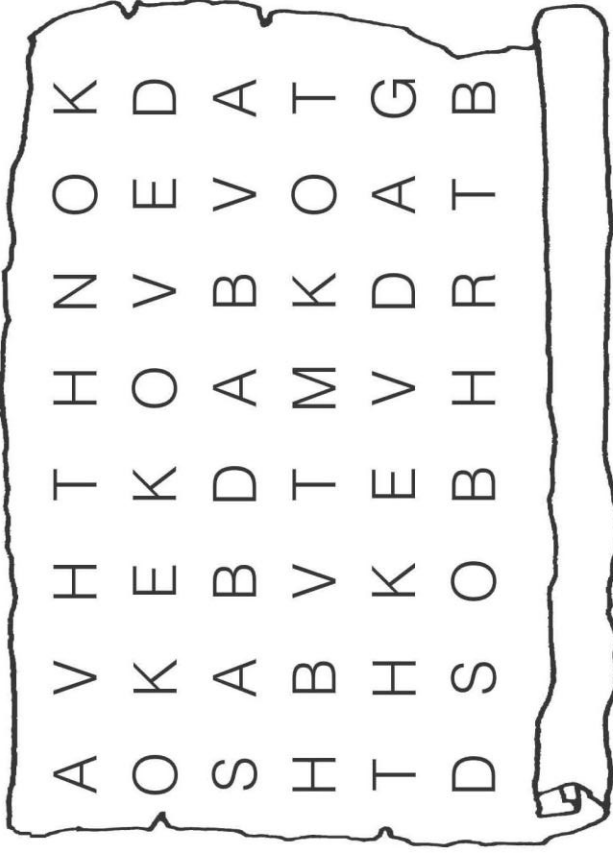
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Preparing the Way for Jesus

It was written in the book of Isaiah that someone would prepare the way for Jesus.

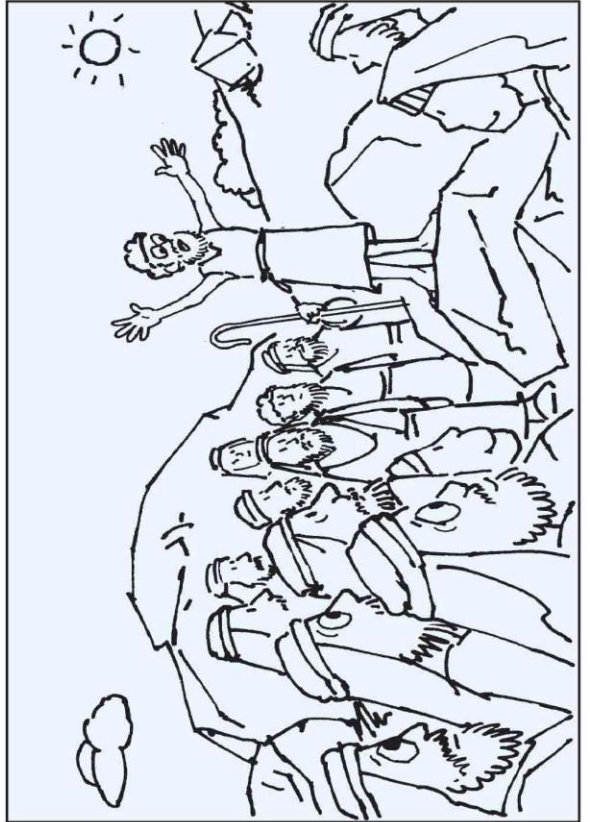
Cross out every letter that appears four or more times. Unscramble the remaining letters to fill in the blanks.



A _____

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

,
 _____,
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with a leather belt around his waist,
 and he ate

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