

## **It's All About Jesus** **Mark 1:1-8**

### **The Man: Who is John the Baptist?**

- "John the Baptist" is not his \_\_\_\_\_ name; it's "John."
- He's a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
- His clothing is made of camel's hair and his diet is comprised of \_\_\_\_\_ and wild honey.
- He's not a part of the Jewish religious \_\_\_\_\_.
- He's a fulfillment of Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_—that the coming of the Messiah would be preceded by the arrival of an Elijah-like character.
- The point is that the coming of Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament.

### **The Mission: Why is John the Baptist here?**

- He's \_\_\_\_\_ for the Messiah by making straight the path for King Jesus.
- John's role is \_\_\_\_\_—we prepare the way for Jesus to do His work in the hearts of people.
- Wherever we are; whomever we're with; whatever we're doing, we are \_\_\_\_\_ the way for Jesus to enter hearts and transform lives by His grace.

### **The Message: What does John the Baptist preach?**

- "\_\_\_\_\_!"
- Repentance is a change of \_\_\_\_\_ that stimulates a change of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The issue isn't that you need to \_\_\_\_\_ something new; the issue is that you need to \_\_\_\_\_ what you already know.
- John's baptism symbolized God's people leaving the wilderness of \_\_\_\_\_ for the Promised Land of \_\_\_\_\_.
- When you are baptized with the Holy Spirit at moment of your salvation, He gives you the power to take the first step of obedience in the Promised Land of faith by being baptized with water.

1 Peter 3:21, "Baptism ... saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

- Baptism doesn't save us in a \_\_\_\_\_ away our sins kind of way; it saves us in having a clear \_\_\_\_\_ kind of way.
- "A baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" = not \_\_\_\_\_ have the forgiveness of sins, but \_\_\_\_\_ you have the forgiveness of sins.

1 Peter 3:18, "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God."

### **Three Meaning: What does this mean for us?**

- It's all about \_\_\_\_\_—"I am not worthy to stoop down and untie His sandals."
- Humility is what distinguishes \_\_\_\_\_ people from \_\_\_\_\_ people.
- Humility is thinking of yourself less by thinking of \_\_\_\_\_ more; it's pointing to yourself less by \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus more.