

Christmas Characters: John the Baptist
Mark 1:1-8; Luke 1: 76-80

I. God's Announcement.

- A. The announcement started in _____, was affirmed by Isaiah, the prophet, and is now proclaimed by Zechariah.
- B. The announcement brought anticipation of the long-awaited message: the Messiah is _____!

II. The Preparation.

- A. John prepared _____ way (Luke 1:76).
- B. John prepared _____ to meet the Messiah.
1. He did it with a _____ message.
 2. He did it with an _____ message.
 3. He did it with a spirit of boldness and _____.

III. The Simplistic Message.

- A. One is coming to offer _____ forgiveness of sins.
- B. One is coming to make you His own. You will be _____.

“We teach people to follow Jesus.”