

Mark 1:1-8

New Revised Standard Version

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The Proclamation of John the Baptist

1 The beginning of the good news^[a] of Jesus Christ.^[b]

2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,^[c]

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,^[d]

who will prepare your way,

3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight,’ ”

4 so John the baptizer appeared^[e] in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. **6** Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. **8** I have baptized you with^[f] water, but he will baptize you with^[g] the Holy Spirit.”