

In The Wilderness

Week 7 - John the Baptist

In life, we all face different times of being alone, confused or not knowing what God wants for or from us. These seasons of being “in the wilderness” always have a purpose, and it’s through studying similar stories in the Bible that we can find what God teaches in those moments.

- **John the Baptist is the figure who introduces Jesus to the world by preparing the way for Him.**

God sends John the Baptist to tell everyone Jesus is soon to be there.

John 1:6-7 (NLT)

An angel appears to Zechariah, Elizabeth’s husband and father to John the Baptist.

Luke 1:13-17 (NLT)

Zechariah, filled with the Holy Spirit, prophesies over John once he is born.

Luke 1:76-77, 80 (NLT)

John begins preaching in the wilderness, and people flock to hear his message, but the authorities question his identity.

John 1:19-22 (NLT)

Matthew 11:14 (NLT)

The last words of the Old Testament speak of one of the signs that the Day of Lord was about to happen.

Malachi 4:1-3, 5-6a (NLT)

The very first words of the gospel of Mark speak about Jesus as the Messiah and John the Baptist making the way for Him.

Mark 1:1-6a (NLT)

Elijah and John the Baptist look similar.

2 Kings 1:8 (NLT)

Jesus says something interesting about John and about us.

Matthew 11:11 (NLT)

We are blessed because we live in an age of grace.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (ESV)

We have been put on this earth to prepare the way for the second coming of Jesus.