

# THE SUNDAY PAPER

Year B  
2nd SUNDAY  
in ADVENT

Advent is four Sundays long. On each of these Sundays, our Bible readings tell us to wait and hope and get ready, because God is coming to save us.

On the first Sunday in Advent, we read what Jesus said about the end of the world, and how he told us to watch and wait and be ready for him to come again. On the second Sunday in Advent, we are reading about JOHN THE BAPTIST, who lived at the same time as Jesus. He told God's people to watch, and wait, and get ready, because God was about to do something special!

## JOHN THE BAPTIST

Mark 1:1-8

GOD CHOSE A MAN NAMED JOHN, TO BE THE MESSENGER OF THE MESSIAH!

LORD, I KNOW YOU ARE ABOUT TO SEND THE MESSIAH TO SET US FREE! I WILL TELL THE PEOPLE TO GET READY! I WILL TELL THEM TO "PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD" — JUST AS ISAIAH SAYS IN THE BIBLE!

JOHN LIVED IN THE DESERT! HE WORE ROUGH CLOTHING, AND ATE (MARK 1:6!)

WE CALL JOHN "THE BAPTIST" BECAUSE HE BAPTIZED PEOPLE! THEY CAME OUT TO THE RIVER JORDAN, AT THE EDGE OF THE DESERT, AND LISTENED TO HIS MESSAGE!

I WANT TO CHANGE MY LIFE AND BE READY FOR GOD'S KINGDOM!

I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER FOR REPENTANCE!

SOMEONE IS COMING SOON, WHO IS MUCH GREATER THAN I AM! I DON'T EVEN DESERVE TO TIE HIS SHOES!!

I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER, BUT HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH GOD'S SPIRIT!!

John got his message from the Bible. He said, "Get ready! God is coming to be with us and set us free forever!"

### ISAIAH 40:3

"Prepare the way of the Lord: make a straight road for God in the desert"

### PSALM 85:8

"I will listen to God; he is proclaiming peace to his faithful people who turn their hearts to him"

### 2 PETER 3:14

"Live in peace and holiness, as you wait for Jesus to come and make the world new"

THY KINGDOM COME... THY WILL BE DONE...