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Mark 1 1-4

Preaching of John the Baptist

“1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER [a]AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY; 3 THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.’” 4 John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness [b]preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ”

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He's an American hero who'll never be forgotten. Paul Revere-the chosen messenger that told them the British were coming and America was ready to fight to the death for her independence as a nation.

What an honor. "We can depend on Paul Revere." I can almost hear the generals talking with words of faith and assurance.

My longtime friend, Michael W. Smith, led the way for Amy Grant and her electrifying concerts faithfully in the early days of his career. Since Smitty's own career has taken him to the top of the charts, he's chosen young unknown groups like D.C. Talk and Jars of Clay to lead the way and open up his concerts. Before long, D.C. Talk and Jars of Clay were well-known and on their way to stardom in their own right.

Imagine the honor of being chosen by God to "Open Up" for Jesus. "I chose you, John the Baptist" to lead the way for my Son. Pave the highway. Prepare the coming. My Son will only come to the earth once in all of lifetime to live as a man and die for people's sins. His second coming will be so majestic, I'll not need an envoy.

QUESTIONS:

1. How are you as a Christian like John the Baptist?
2. What character qualities does God want for Jesus' modern day messenger?
3. As Paul Revere warned of the British attack for America, how can you warn your friends and family of Satan's modern day attacks as you represent Christ?

LIFELINE:

There's even a way to be like "John the Baptist" in your home. Consider your role in that and embark on that fantastic chosen ride today!

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