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JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARES THE WAY

Mark 1:1-8

LOOKING INTO THE SCRIPTURE – Answer YES, NO or MAYBE to these situations:

1. John the Baptist was the kind of guy that I would like to:

- Y N M take to the mall
- Y N M get stuck with in an elevator
- Y N M drive with for 500 miles going the speed limit
- Y N M send to convert my hard-hearted sister
- Y N M sit with at an all-you-can-eat buffet

2. Why did the people flock to John instead of avoiding him?

- a. He was the first prophet in 400 years
- b. He was more interesting than the circus
- c. He spoke to the reality of their heart
- d. He talked about sin and forgiveness

3. In modern words, what was the message of John?

- a. look out for number one
- b. turn or burn
- c. you only go round once in life so go for the gusto
- d. pay me now or pay me later
- e. there's a new day coming

4. Why was the establishment so upset with John?

- a. his popularity
- b. his simple life
- c. his preaching
- d. his attack on sin
- e. his call for a change

5. What role did John the Baptist play in the overall plan of God?

- a. shake up the establishment
- b. bridge the Old and New Testament
- c. prepare folks for the coming of Jesus
- d. baptize Jesus
- e. alert sinners to the need of a Savior



PERSONAL APPLICATION:

1. If John the Baptist came to this area with his message. How would he be received?

- a. the media would love it
- b. people would flock to him
- c. church people would reject him
- d. people would ignore him

2. Who played the part of John the Baptist in your life – who “prepared the way” for Jesus?

- a. my parents
- b. a Sunday School teacher
- c. a coach/counselor/teacher
- d. a special friend
- e. a whole lot of people
- f. nobody yet

3. How would you describe you relationship with Jesus right now?

- a. just beginning
- b. nowhere
- c. holding
- d. struggling
- e. roller-coaster
- f. going great

4. What would it take to move you forward in your relationship with Jesus?

- a. a little support
- b. a deeper commitment
- c. some spiritual discipline
- d. a big change
- e. a miracle
- f. a strong belief that God loves even me



“The best gift in the world was wrapped in a manger!”

-Coach Street

THE WORD BECAME FLESH TEXT JOHN 1:1-18



"Selfishness makes
 Christmas a burden;
 Love makes it a
 blessing!" -Coach Street

1. If you really wanted to explain to someone how much you loved them what would you do?
 - a. rent a billboard
 - b. send a video
 - c. flood the city with leaflets
 - d. send someone to explain
 - e. go myself
2. How would you describe the opening of this gospel?
 - a. looking back in time
 - b. the curtain rising on a great drama
 - c. the music from 2001 A Space Odyssey
 - d. walking into a movie that has already started
 - e. reading the last page of a great novel before you read the book
3. What do you think is the theme of this introduction?
 - a. the Creator of the world has come to redeem His creation
 - b. God who created the world has come in the flesh
 - c. the battle for the control of the world has started life and salvation is for everyone
4. How would you describe John the Baptist's role?
 - a. pre-game show
 - b. press box announcer
 - c. act one
 - d. the clue to the mystery
 - e. a footnote in history
5. What is the invitation in verse 12?
 - a. to live a good life
 - b. to learn how to be successful
 - c. to get yourself together
 - d. to join the family of God
6. When does this life begin?
 - a. when you die and go to heaven
 - b. whenever you take God at His Word
 - c. when you win the lottery
7. If you had to compare your relationship with God right now to a ball game where would you be?
 - a. sitting in the grandstands
 - b. on the team/benchwarming
 - c. playing defense
 - d. playing offense
 - e. on the injury list
 - f. halftime in the lock room
 - g. trying to figure out the game
 - h. giving it all I've got
8. What if Jesus told you that you were His personal representative in the world today, how would that make you feel?
 - a. you've got to be kidding
 - b. scared
 - c. OK if I'm no the only one
 - d. I'm not ready to be a servant
 - e. not sure what that means
 - g. eager to start
9. When did Jesus become the Word of God to you?
 - a. years ago
 - b. just recently
 - c. never has
 - d. not sure what that means