

# FOREFRUNNER



# *How God Prepares*

- John was the *Forerunner* of Jesus.
- John was a *relative* of Jesus.
- John was the *greatest* man born of a woman.
- John was a *Rabbi*.
- John came to *prepare* people to receive Jesus.

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- John was Jesus' mentor, partner, and *inspiration*.
- John's *birth* preceded Jesus' and encouraged Jesus' mother (Lk. 1:39-56).
- John's *baptism* of Jesus marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry (Mt. 3:13-4:1).

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- John's *ministry* was a model for Jesus' early ministry. John 3:22-23
- John's *imprisonment* prompted Jesus to begin choosing disciples. Mk. 1:15-16
- John's *death* prompted Jesus to retreat, and perform the miracle of Moses. Mt. 14

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- John appears in 23 chapters of Scripture, over 750 years.
- Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3 and John 1 all quote Isaiah 40:3 and attribute “the voice” to John.



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1. When I am discouraged, God is not *silent* (Isaiah 40:2).
2. God always has a *plan* for His people (Even when I can't see it).

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3. God always has words of hope for His people.

4. God plans so thoroughly, He not only planned for Jesus, He planned for Jesus' Forerunner.

- God uses people to encourage discouraged people.

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- “Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

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# **GOD BLESS**

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