

NT Reading 4 December 2022

Mark Chapter 1 verses 1-8

The Preaching of John the Baptist

1 This is the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 It began as the prophet Isaiah had written:

“God said, ‘I will send my messenger ahead of you to clear the way for you.’

3 Someone is shouting in the desert,

‘Get the road ready for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel!’ ”

4 So John appeared in the desert, baptising and preaching. “Turn away from your sins and be baptised,” he told the people, “and God will forgive your sins.” 5 Many people from the province of Judea and the city of Jerusalem went out to hear John. They confessed their sins, and he baptised them in the River Jordan.

6 John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 7 He announced to the people, “The man who will come after me is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to bend down and untie his sandals. 8 I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.”