

John the Baptist Not Your Typical Preacher



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This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

Matthew 3:3 – 6 (NIV)



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Discuss

- What was strange or unique, maybe even weird, about John?
- Why do you think people traveled into the countryside to hear John? What motivated them to go out of their way to hear his preaching?
- People responded positively to what he had to say. Why do you think he was so successful in moving them to confessing sins and being baptized?
- What inspires people today to repent of their sins and receive by faith the salvation Jesus offers everyone? How can you be part of that ministry?



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- Thank God that someone made the effort to communicate the gospel message to you.
- Pray for that person that their ministry will continue to draw people to salvation in Christ
- Pray for the preaching of the Good News of Salvation to people around the world.
- Ask God to help you to be courageous in sharing your faith in Christ to friends and family.



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