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 - 1. Matthew 3:1 Speaks of his preaching, in preparing the way; as given in the prophetic words of the prophet Isaiah.



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 - 2. Mark 1:2-4 It is written in Isaiah the prophet; "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way." "A voice of one calling in the desert," "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."

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 - 3. John 1:15 John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "this was He of whom I said, "He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me."



- B. All that is about to transpire there is a time of waiting!
- C. Zachariah's times of waiting.
- D. Angelic sightings and miracles, god's way of preparing mankind for the giving of his son.



- E. The Lord's plans for this miracle child, John and the giving of his gift to the world, his son Jesus! As given in- "Zachariah's song." (Luke 1:67-79)
 - 1. "His father Zachariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied." (Luke 1:67)
 - 2. In essence the song says, "In this child of promise, God had begun the means for our redemption. God is bringing his salvation to us and it's starting now.

- F. "It prepared Zachariah and us, to understand what God was accomplishing."
 - 1. It prepared him to grasp the fact that he was but an instrument in god's hands to fulfill the ancient promise of holy relationship between god and his people. It was in his waiting that he heard the song of hope.



- G. We too, must grasp the idea that in his loving hands we too are instruments in fulfilling god's will in each of us.
- H. We live in a world of instant gratification that affects the way we come to God.



- I. "Our life together as a church is really a time of waiting."
- J. The "magnificat." Mary the chosen one, sings for the joy God has given her and all mankind. Through her the redeemer of the world will be born. Luke 1:46-55 Luke 1:46 "and Mary said, my soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

