

# A Heaven-sent Child

## Born to Prepare The Way



“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents...”

Malachi 4:5-6

you will be for me a *kingdom of priests*  
and a holy nation

Exodus 19:5-6

I will also make you ***a light for the Gentiles,***  
that my salvation may reach to  
the ends of the earth

Isaiah 49:6

I appointed you as a prophet *to the nations.*

Jeremiah 1:5

“Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John... he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous – to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Luke 1:13-17

A voice of one calling:

“In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
And the glory of the Lord will be revealed

Isaiah 40:3-5

[John] went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.

Luke 3:1-6

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea 2 and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.”

Matthew 3:1-12

John saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin  
of the world!

John 1:15-29

“He must become greater; I must become less.”

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.”

John 3:22-36

# Questions for reflection:

- 1) Do I “believe in the Son”?
- 2) How can I get to know him better?
- 3) How am I preparing the way for Jesus Christ?