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1-1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, 2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"—

3 "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. 6 John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

➢ **Read and re-read** – out loud and slowly the Gospel. ➢ **Meditate -** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.	➢ **Pray -** Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition. ➢ **Action** – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).

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In this week's gospel we see Jesus sending his messenger to prepare the way for the Lord. We see John the Baptist appearing in the wilderness calling on people to move from a place of wilderness or despair to a state of hopeful and trusting expectation. Jesus himself was someone who knew how to wait. When are the times in our lives when we fell deep into the wilderness with no glimpse of hope or trust? Who have been the messengers Jesus sent to tell us we are not destined to remain there forever? That we can expect the good news to come into our lives if we are patient. Have we been bearers of good news to others? When has seeing Christ in others helped you in your dealings with them?

Prayer:

Thank You Lord for the people who have been John the Baptist in our lives by their encouragement and compassion .

Forgive us Lord for the times we did not share the Good News of Jesus with others as we are all called to be His messengers by our Baptism.

Help us all Lord to know that when we feel powerless you are more powerful because it is your sacred work we are doing and you will not let us down .