



INTRO: At the end of His time here, Jesus overcame every power that enslaves humans. Through dying and not staying dead, He defeated our greatest enemy and offers the gift of a life lived with God now and forever after. This is the heart of the Good News: *You get to be with God.* You get to experience life in His presence and you get an invitation to join him in the great work He is doing. You see, Jesus didn't quit 2000 years ago, He is still overcoming every power that enslaves humans. You get to join him in that movement.

1. What powers enslave people today?

READ Mark 1:1-8

1. Why do you think John preaches repentance before anything else?
2. Why does God need someone to make His path straight?
3. What is the difference between being baptized with water and with the Holy Spirit?

SERMON QUESTIONS:

1. What is the difference between John's job and Jesus's job?
2. What do you think it took for John to proclaim this new and difficult message?
3. Do you know of anyone who is preparing the way for Jesus like John? Tell us about them.
4. What keeps you from living a life like John's?
5. How is Jesus calling us to join Him in a movement towards Freedom in our area?

OUTRO: You don't need to start a new movement to right every wrong. That movement has already started. On a cross 2000 years ago, Jesus began our movement towards freedom. You don't need to be Jesus, that job is already taken. Be John. Prepare the way for Jesus to save people, help people, embrace people, or free people. Be John and join Jesus in the work He is doing, but never forget your place. Jesus's job is too big for you. Don't be Jesus. Be John.

PRAY TOGETHER.

(Pray that the Spirit would lead us in God's movement.)