# Make A Way

**Matthew 3:1-15** - *In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching…*

1. **It Prepared The Nation For Christ.**
2. **It Presented Christ To The Nation.**

**John 1:31** - *I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel.*

**Matthew 3:1-3** - *In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was,* [2] *"Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near."* [3] *The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, "He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the LORD's coming! Clear the road for him!'"*

**Genuine Repentance Represents A Changed Mind And A Transformed Life.**

1. **A Repentance That Turns People Away From Sin And Towards God**.
2. **People Cannot Say They Believe And Then Live However They Want.**

**Matthew 3:8** - *Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.*

1. **This Is A "Kingdom" Where God Reigns.**
2. **A Present Reality And A Future Hope**.

**The Message Of Repentance Is Good News To Those Who Listen And Seek The Forgiveness Of God's Love**.

**v.3** - *Prepare the way for the LORD's coming! Clear the road for him.*

**The Road Is The Way To Our Hearts.**

**Isaiah 1:18-20** - *"Come now, let's settle this," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.* [19] *If you will only obey me, you will have plenty to eat.* [20] *But if you turn away and refuse to listen, you will be devoured by the sword of your enemies. I, the LORD, have spoken!"*

**<u>Isaiah 57:15</u>** - *The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: "I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.*

**People Who Need Jesus Need To Be Prepared To Meet Him**.

1. **By Sharing With Them Their Need For Forgiveness.**
2. **By Demonstrating Christ's Teachings By The Way We Live.**
3. **By Sharing How Christ Can Give Their Lives Meaning And Purpose.**

**How Much Urgency Do You Feel For Those Who Still Need To Hear The Message?**