

Colour this picture of John telling the crowds to get ready for Jesus.

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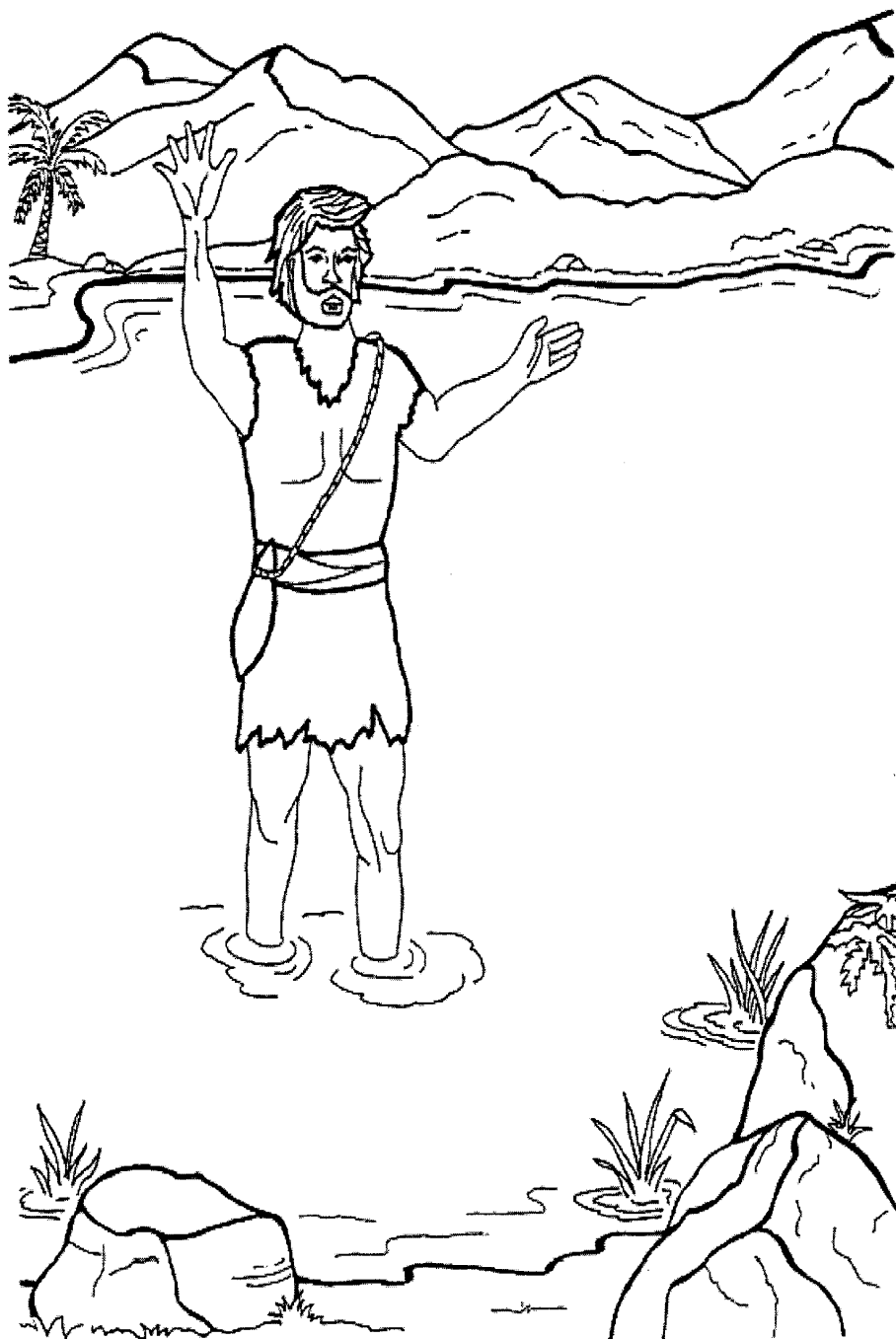


The Second Sunday
of Advent
4 December, 2022

Matthew 3:3

'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.'

Dear Jesus, as we make all our
preparations for Christmas, help us
to remember that we are preparing
to celebrate your birthday. **Amen.**



Crossword: Matthew 3:1-12 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.

Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

Matthew 3:1-12 (CEV)

4 down) Years later, John the _____ started preaching in the desert of Judea.

23 across) He said, "Turn back to God! The _____ of heaven will soon be here."

26 across) John was the one the _____ Isaiah was talking about, when he said,

14 down) In the desert someone is _____, 'Get the road ready for the Lord!

24 down) Make a _____ path for him."

5 across) _____ wore clothes made of camel's hair.

20 down) He had a _____ strap around his waist

8 across) and ate _____ and wild honey.

17 across) From _____ and all Judea and from the

16 across) Jordan River Valley crowds of _____ went to John.

2 down) They told how _____ they were for their sins,

9 down) and he _____ them in the river.

15 across) Many _____ and Sadducees also came to be baptized.

22 across) But John said to them: You bunch of _____!

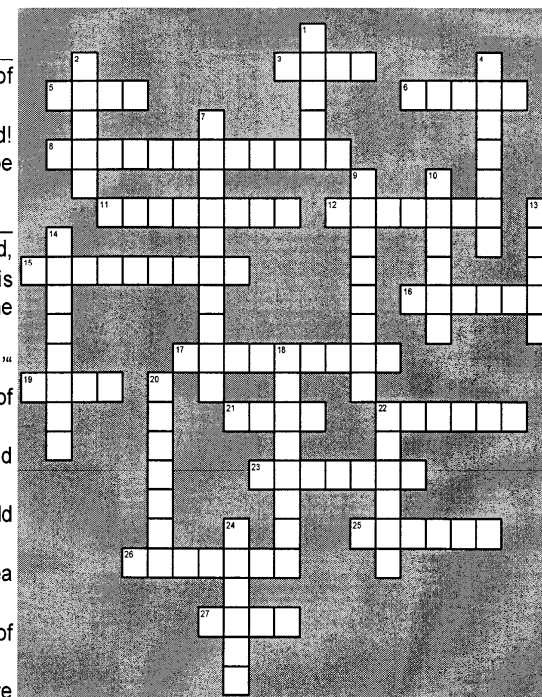
1 down) Who _____ you to run from the coming judgment?

25 across) Do something to show that you have _____ given up your sins.

7 down) And don't start telling _____ that you belong to Abraham's family.

18 down) I tell you that God can turn these _____ into children for Abraham.

10 down) An ax is ready to cut the _____ down at their roots.



27 across) Any tree that doesn't produce _____ fruit
13 down) will be chopped down and _____ into a fire.

6 across) I baptize you with _____ so that you will give up your sins.

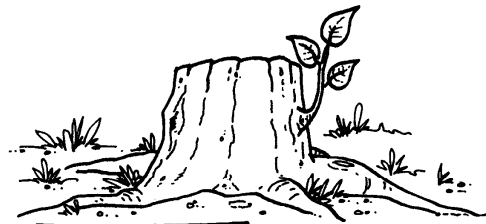
11 across) But someone more _____ is going to come,

12 across) and I am not good enough even to carry his _____.

22 down) He will baptize you with the Holy _____ and with fire.

21 across) His threshing _____ is in his hand,
7 down) and he is ready to separate the _____ from the husks.

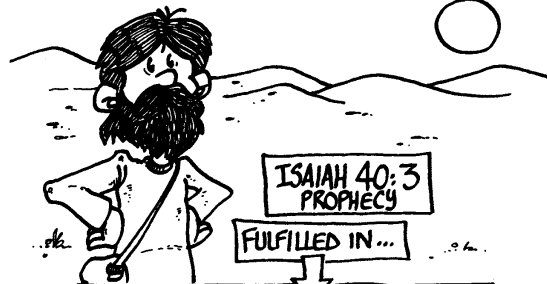
3 across) He will store the wheat in a _____
19 across) and burn the husks in a _____ that never goes out.



ISAIAH 11: 1-10
PROPHECY

FULFILLED IN ...

[Empty box for answer]



ISAIAH 40: 3
PROPHECY

FULFILLED IN ...

[Empty box for answer]



MATTHEW 3: 11-12
PROPHECY

FULFILLED IN ...

[Empty box for answer]

LORD GOD OF ISRAEL, WE PRAISE YOU.
ONLY YOU CAN WORK MIRACLES.
WE WILL ALWAYS PRAISE
YOUR GLORIOUS NAME.
LET YOUR GLORY BE SEEN
EVERYWHERE ON EARTH.

- AMEN -

(FROM PSALM 72)

JOHN THE BAPTIST

WHY IS JOHN CALLED A BAPTIST?

He didn't go to a Baptist church.
(There weren't any then.) He's called
'Baptist' because he baptised people.

WHAT DID THAT MEAN?

Being washed in water makes you
clean. So it's a good sign for having sin
and evil washed away. John did it as a
sign that the people were sorry and
God had forgiven them.

WHAT ARE LOCUSTS?

Big grasshoppers! John was living off
the natural food he could get in the
desert.

DO YOU HAVE ANY
RELATIONSHIPS
WHICH NEED PUTTING
RIGHT?

WHAT ABOUT
CRITICISING/
GRUMBING?

WHAT
ABOUT
BEING SELFISH/
LAZY/THOUGHTLESS?

HOW CAN I
GET READY?

ARE YOU
ALWAYS HONEST?

ARE YOU PRAYING
EVERY DAY?

CONFIDENTIAL!

I THINK I NEED TO ...





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WordSearch: *Matthew 3:1-12 (CEV)*

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