

One Mightier Than I



Mark 1:1–8 · This week: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord, Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3

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START

Crowds came from all over Judea to hear John, and he kept telling them about someone greater (Mark 1:5–7).

READ TOGETHER

John was the son of Zacharias and Elisabeth, the baby we read about at New Year’s. He lived plainly in the wilderness, wore camel’s hair, and ate locusts and wild honey (Mark 1:6).

MARK 1:6–8

⁶ And John was clothed with camel’s hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; ⁷ And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. ⁸ I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

WHAT IT TEACHES

John said, “There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose” (Mark 1:7). A latchet is a sandal strap. Untying someone’s sandals was a servant’s task.

John was famous, and many people wondered if he was the Christ (Luke 3:15). He could have kept the attention for himself. Instead he pointed every crowd to Jesus.

Jesus later said that among those born of women there was no greater prophet than John (Luke 7:28). The greatest prophet of his time saw himself as a servant.

John’s whole mission was to make the Savior easier to find. The Lord still does great work through people who keep him at the center.

TALK ABOUT IT

John could have kept the crowds for himself, and he sent them to Jesus. Where do you see people today pointing others to the Savior?

TAKE TO CHURCH

John the Baptist was a great prophet who said he was unworthy to untie the Savior’s sandals. His whole mission was to point people to Jesus.