



THE VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS

Mark 1:1-13

Welcome to worship at Concord today as we once again gather around the Word of God and remember what Jesus has accomplished for us. The Lord's Supper is a central part of our worship this morning and our text today takes us to those early days of the earthly ministry of Jesus. I am so glad you are here today.

John the Baptist was the messenger prophesied to prepare the way for the Messiah. He made a highway for the Savior. He never overestimated his value, but we must never undervalue his ministry. He was "The voice of one crying in the wilderness." He prepared the way of the Lord.

I find it interesting to consider the similarities between John and Jesus. One of the greatest points of connection can be seen in the work of the Holy Spirit. In John's case it is recorded that he was filled with the Holy Ghost from birth. Everything he did was a product of the work of the Holy Spirit. Allow me to mention four obvious works of the Holy Spirit in John's life.

- I. The _____.
- II. The _____.
- III. The _____.
- IV. The _____.

As the Holy Spirit controlled, prepared, anointed and assured John, even so He works in our lives. Our mission in life is not the same as was John's, but our need to fully follow the Holy Spirit is just as indispensable. Here are some questions for consideration:

Are you fully controlled by the Holy Spirit?

Have you sensed that God is preparing you for something you can't presently identify?

Is there a message for you to deliver?

Does your life have a purpose?

Your Servant in Christ,
Bro. Monte