

Week 49
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Transforming Daily
“ . . . to make ready a people prepared for the Lord . . . ”
Luke 1:17

The record of Luke regarding the birth, life, and ministry of John the Baptist is summarized in verse 17 as one “to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” What a tremendous privilege, but what tremendous pressure. There are at least two applications here. One application refers to the first coming of Jesus Christ and the second application refers to the second coming of Jesus Christ.

John preached that the kingdom of heaven was at hand. He preached a message that directed the attention of the hearers to an awareness that One would be coming after him who was preferred before him because He was before him. John the Baptist was paving the way for the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ. However, the message of John also directed the hearers to Christ as the Messiah, the Savior who would save His people from their sins.

As was the calling of John, so too is it for every believer. The believer is to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. That is, the believer is to be a witness to Christ that men, women, girls and boys may come to faith, prepared for His second coming. Our message, the same as John’s, is for the lost to repent of their sins and receive Jesus Christ as the Lord’s Anointed.

Do you recognize this calling on your life? Are you committed to seeing it through? Are you determined to make ready a people prepared for the Lord?