



Awaiting the King Series: Part 3:
Preparing the Way, I Samuel 1:1-3
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Intro: One of the nice things God routinely does for us is tell us ahead of time what's coming up.

Genesis 2:17–

Genesis 3:15 —

Amos 3:7

I. Preparing the Way for King David— Samuel

1Samuel 1:1–20

II. Preparing the Way for King Jesus— John

*Malachi 3:1

Matt. 11:7–10

*Malachi 4:5–6

Luke 1:16–17

Matthew 17:10–12

*Isaiah 40:3

John 1:22-23

John 1:29–31

John 3:25–30

III. God's Announcers—

- 1 Samuel 1:3, Samuel is born to godly parents
- Luke 1:6, John was born to godly parents

- 1 Chronicles 6:33-38, Samuel is a descendant of Levi and therefore a priest
- Luke 1:5, John the Baptist is a descendant of Levi and therefore a priest

- 1 Samuel 1:2,6, Luke 1:7, Samuel & John were both born to barren women, Hannah and Elizabeth

- 1 Samuel 1:10-11, Luke 1:13, Samuel and John were both answers to prayer

- 1 Samuel 1:11, Luke 1:15, Samuel & John were both dedicated to God before birth as Nazirites

- 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Sam's Mother gives a song of praise after his birth
- Luke 1:67-79, John's father gives a song of praise after his birth

- Samuel is the last judge of the OT
- John is the last prophet of the OT

- 1 Samuel 10:1, 1 Samuel 16:12-13, Samuel anoints Saul and David King
- Matthew 3:13-17, John Baptizes Jesus

- 1 Samuel 2:30-34, 3:11-14, Samuel foretells God's judgment in the end of Eli's house,
- 1 Samuel 28:15-19, Samuel foretells (from the grave!) God's judgment on Saul and his house
- Matthew 3:7-12, John foretells God's judgment on those who refuse to repent, accepting God's King

- Samuel came and announced Israel's kings
- John came in the spirit of Elijah and announced Jesus presence.

So What?

1. We should be, like John the Baptist, introducing Jesus to as many people as God provides.

Who should I be praying about having a Christ centered/gospel focused conversation with? _____

What do I need to do to be ready to talk to others about Christ? _____

2. We should be anticipating Jesus' appearing for us as the early Church did.

1Peter 1:13

Titus 2:11-13

2 Peter 3:11-13

On a scale of 1-10 (10 being highest) how much is my outlook based on anticipating Jesus' appearing? _____

What do I need to remove my heart from so that Christ's appearing is more desirable? _____

3. We should be aware that whatever our lack in life includes it doesn't keep us from being part of God's plans.

1Corinthians 1:26-29

2nd Corinthians 10: 9

What weakness, loss, lack or regret do I need to give to God so I'm fully available for His plans? _____

What is my greatest unfulfilled desire? _____

How would I use that thing for God's glory? _____