

Mark 1:4-8 — “John the Baptist: The Lamp Burning & Shining & Preparing for Jesus The Messiah!”

- John the Baptist is a remarkable man of God!
 - John’s **ORIGIN** - a man sent from God (John 1.6)
 - John’s **MISSION** - testify about the Light so all might believe (John 1.7)
 - John’s **LOCATION** - appeared in the wilderness (Mark 1.4)
 - John’s **HUMILIATION** - I’m not worthy to untie his sandal (John 1.24-28)
 - John’s **DECLARATION** - he cried out: Behold the Lamb of God (John 1.29)
 - Matt 11.11 - Jesus said no one born of women is greater than John the Baptist

THESIS — This text shows us 4 marks of a “lamp burning & shining brightly for Jesus”:

I. JOHN WAS A MAN OF UNFLINCHING COURAGE! (4)

- John was a ****PREACHING MAN**** - not a man-pleaser.

II. JOHN WAS A MAN OF UNAMBIGUOUS CLARITY! (4-5)

- John was a ****BAPTIZING MAN****

III. JOHN WAS A MAN OF UNPARALLELED HUMILITY! (6-7)

- John was a ****HUMBLE MAN****

IV. JOHN WAS A MAN OF UNDENIABLE HOPE! (8)

- John was a ****CHRIST-POINTING MAN****

COME YE SINNERS

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.

2. Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.

Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

4. Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

5. Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART (Psalm 51)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me. (repeat)

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord;
Take not Thy holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And renew a right spirit within me.