

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

John the Baptist

3¹In the course of time John the Baptist appeared in the desert of Judea and began to proclaim his message:

²—Change your ways, the Kingdom of heaven is now at hand!

³It was about him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said, *A voice is shouting in the desert: prepare a way for the Lord; make his paths straight.*

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