

# Isaiah 40:3-5

- Foretells the appearing (glory) of the Messiah.
- Before that, a prophet who would prepare the way for the Messiah's coming.

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the Baptist



# Malachi 3:1

- A messenger prepares the way, and the Lord suddenly appears.



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# Malachi 4:5-6

- The prophet's work: turning hearts to God.
- Luke 1:17 - the Bible's commentary on Mal. 4:5-6.
  - The power and spirit of Elijah.
  - "Turn the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

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Matthew 3:1-6

- vs.4 - Like Elijah.
- vss.1,5 - Jews came to him in the wilderness.
- vs.2 - “It is time for hearts to turn to God!”

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John 1:19-28

- vs.19 - “Who are you?”
- vs.20 - “I am not the Christ.”
- vs.21 - “I am not Elijah.”
- vs.21 - “I am not the Prophet.”
- vs. 27 - “I am not worthy.”

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# “Messiah Complex”

- Rom. 12:3 - Thinking of oneself more highly than one ought to think.
- 3 John 9-11 - Diotrephes.
- 2 Pet. 2:10-13 - presumptuous, self-willed, would perish.
- John the Baptist - never forgot who he was, and who he was not.

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