

**TITLE AND NUMBER:** 214 Prepare the way for the Lord



**REFERENCE AND KEY VERSES:** Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

**LOOKING FURTHER:** Isaiah 40:1-11, Luke 3:1-6, John 14:6

### What does the Bible passage tell us?

In Luke's Gospel, this prophecy from Isaiah is fulfilled by John the Baptist. John was the voice crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord.' Prepare for Jesus.

This week is a good time to think about these words and how they refer to our own lives. What preparations do we need to make as we get ready to greet Jesus at Christmastime and when He comes again? Are there attitudes or habits that we need help with?

John encourages us to be honest with God, to bring before Him those things which cause us to stumble, those things which we find difficult. God will bring us up out of the valleys of doubt and sadness. He will help us overcome what may seem to be mountains of difficulty and will smooth out the rough ground and rugged places.

God himself welcomes us through his Son Jesus. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.' (John 14:6)

So, we can truly rejoice with Isaiah: 'Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed and all people will see it together.'

### Reflection

- How are you preparing to greet Jesus at Christmastime and when He comes again?
- Are there things that you would like help with? Bring them to God in prayer and seek help as needed.
- Reflect that God's glory will be revealed and all people will see it. Can you see glimpses of God's glory and God's Kingdom in your day-to-day life?

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

