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[Isaiah 40:1-5](#)

[Mark 1:1-3](#)

I picked these two passages because the validity of Scripture becomes substantiated as Isaiah was written 700 years before Christ and Mark after the resurrection of Jesus. Isaiah prophesied the precursor to Christ, John the Baptist. Many details of John are given including first the desert, a picture of the challenges that each person faces individually. For me, this shows that I can't go it alone. I need a Savior! Through this prophecy and then the fulfillment in John the Baptist, we are challenged to prepare the way for the perfect plan for eternal life through THE Christ, our Lord and Savior, Jesus. There are and will be "rough and rugged" periods for each of us. Expect them! But the best is coming in the comfort of our sin being paid for with the blood of Jesus. All glory of the Lord will be revealed. Prepare your hearts and minds with confidence in expectation of the coming of our Savior during this Advent season as we trust in the Lord with ALL our hearts, soul, and minds.

What challenges are you facing that bring to light where you need a Savior?

Dear Jesus, thank you for your sacrifice of leaving heaven to show and teach us the way and the giving the ultimate, your life, so we can have forgiveness for our sins to live in communion with you now and forever. May we prepare our hearts in gratitude for your coming. In your precious name. Amen

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