

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:9-22

In Seasons of Desertion . . . Prepare the Way of the Lord

“Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.” (v9-10)

“John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ (Matthew 3:1-4)

In Seasons of Devotion. . . Prepare the Way of the Lord

“Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.” (v11-13)

“Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to (John), and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.” (Matthew 3:5-6)

In Seasons of Opposition. . . Prepare the Way of the Lord

“Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds.” (v14-18)

“But when (John) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.” (Matthew 3:7-10)

In Seasons of Cooperation. . . Prepare the Way of the Lord

“ . . . in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.” v13-14

“When Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’ (Matthew 3:11-17)