

K E Y	<p>"...But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming he said the them "You broad of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?</p> <p>Matthew 3:7</p>
R E A D I N G S	<p>Preparing for Sunday, December 7th</p> <p>Day 1— Isaiah 11:1-10</p> <p>Day 2— Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19</p> <p>Day 3— Romans 15:4-13</p> <p>Day 4— Matthew 3:1-12</p> <p>Day 5— Luke 3:4</p> <p>Day 6— Mark 1:20</p> <p>*Sunday readings in bold.</p>
A P P L Y	<p>John the Baptist was a front man for Jesus. He was sent to make his paths straight. He was a fire and brimstone guy. He was not afraid to speak truth to power. When he saw the Pharisees and Sadducees approaching, he addressed them as a broad of vipers and wanted them of the wrath to some. They tried to play the privileges care by being descendant of Abraham, but John was having none of that. Speak truth to power is difficult, but we know when required we will be provided with the courage and words to do so. Just as John did.</p>
	<p>Dear Lord, We pray for the courage and words to speak in defense of the most vulnerable among us and those in need. In Jesus, name we pray. Amen.</p>



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Isaiah 11:10

¹⁰On that day, Jesse's Root will be raised high, posted as a rallying banner for the peoples. The nations will all come to him. His headquarters will be glorious.

The Message

Matthew 3:11-12

¹¹⁻¹²“I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. The real action comes next: The main character in this drama—compared to him I'm a mere stagehand—will ignite the kingdom life within you, a fire within you, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. He's going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. He'll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he'll put out with the trash to be burned.”

The Message

John the Baptist makes his appearance again. The man who is drawing people to him out in the wilderness. Calling for all to repent. Even though, he stands out, he is still pointing people to Jesus, the root of Jesse.



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