



RIDGEVIEW CHURCH

Week of 11/30/2025

**Read: Isaiah 40:1-5 & Matthew 3:1-6**

**Connect Questions:**

1. Why is Hope so critical for humanity? For us? How did John the Baptist usher in Hope? How can we?
2. In what ways is our world broken? What about your life? How can we invite God to move in the brokenness?
3. In what ways was God's move through John the Baptist surprising? How has God moved in surprising ways in and around your life?
4. What would true repentance look like for you? How can our hearts be "leveled and made straight"? How can we point others to Hope in Christ?

**Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:3 NKJV** <sup>3</sup> The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the LORD;  
Make straight in the desert  
A highway for our God.



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**Title: Making Way For HOPE**

**Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-5 (Matthew 3:1-6)**

**We Need Hope...We Need to Usher In Hope Like John**

### **1. In Times of Brokenness (v. 1-2)**

**Isaiah's Time...*Isaiah 39:5-6*...A very difficult time!**

***"Speak comfort" ... "Warfare has ended" ... "Iniquity is pardoned"***

**How in this Context? ... **The Advent of Messiah!****

**The First Century...Internationally...Politically...Spiritually**

**A Crux Moment! *"Doubled"...***Colossians 2:14-15****

***HOPE!***

### **2. In Surprising Ways (v. 3-5)**

**Fulfilled in John the Baptist (Matthew 3:1-6)**

***A unique character!***

**-Wilderness/Desert**

**-Jordan River**

**-Baptism? *Acts 19:1-5...Matthew 3:4-6...Romans 6:3-4***

**Repentance**

### **3. Paths Made Level & Straight (v. 3-5)**

**John knew his role...**Luke 1:76-77****

**Preparing the way for The King!**

**Roads v. Hearts**

***The Voice in the Wilderness***