

Preparing the Way of the Lord

Introduction

John the Baptist... change and revolution always begin on the fringes, in the margins, unexpected places...

1 God cannot use somethings.... 1 Cor 1:27-29

Scrambling for value, identity or attention gets in God's way. He cannot use people who are a 'somebody'.

2 Simplicity of Spirit... Phil 2:5-11

Not cluttering ourselves with confusion, rationalisation and man made wisdom. In God's economy, right is right, wrong is wrong, sin is always sin.

3 Spirit without measure... John 3:34

'All of self, non of thee

One of self, less of thee,

Less of self, more of thee

None of self, more of thee'.

The process of receiving spirit without measure.

4 Ointment poured forth... John 12:1-8

The jar needs breathing for the ointment to do its job.

5 No handhold for Satan... Matthew 4

Jesus is tempted as Satan searches for a handhold of pride, rebellion, selfishness in Jesus' life – he finds nothing.

6 The march of God... Genesis 32:22-32

Jacob wrestles with men and their pressures and with God and receives a contact physical reminder of his encounter

Conclusion

- A Are we desperate for the moving of God?
- B Are we determined in the process to be cured by God?
- C What are we doing for God to move in and through us?