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Sermon Title: **“PREPARE THE WAY”**

Isaiah 40:3 & Malachi 3:1-7

- Even before the Savior arrived in _____, the prophets spoke of a voice crying out from the wilderness
- Isaiah 40 reminds the _____ (those who will suffer under Babylonian captivity) that God has not _____ about them
- “Comfort” = console oneself; _____ with this knowledge
- Before God’s plan of _____ officially arrives, God was _____ to send someone who will clear the path
- “Behold” = _____; pay attention something urgently important is about to follow — Don’t miss it
- If our sin is not _____ then who among us is able to _____ before Almighty Holy God?
- Jesus _____ ALL who believe in Him
 - ALL impurities of our _____, _____, and _____ sins are removed through the finished work of Jesus on the cross
 - No amount of _____ to clean ourselves up is acceptable to the Almighty (ONLY Jesus purifies)
- When _____ was writing religious ritual had resumed, however, the peoples _____ were still cold
- “Turned aside” = to deviate; to veer off the _____ (This was a pattern of deliberate departure from God’s clear commands)
- “Return to the Lord” = to repent (we must change direction – go from _____ to _____ and this will result in intimacy with God)