

A nativity scene set inside a cave. Two figures, likely the Three Kings, are kneeling on either side of a manger containing baby Jesus. A bright star is visible in the night sky through the cave's opening. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the star.

How Do You
WELCOME A KING?

Dec. 03: Matthew – Obeying

Dec. 10: Mark – Praising

Dec. 17: Luke – Believing

Dec. 24: John – Trusting

Mark 1:1-11

**¹The beginning of the gospel of
Jesus Christ, the Son of God;**

Mark 1:1-11

**²As it is written in the prophets,
Behold, I send my messenger
before thy face, which shall
prepare thy way before thee.**

Mark 1:1-11

³The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make his paths straight.

Mark 1:1-11

4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Mark 1:1-11

⁵And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

Mark 1:1-11

⁶And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;

Mark 1:1-11

⁷And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

Mark 1:1-11

8I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

Mark 1:1-11

⁹And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

Mark 1:1-11

¹⁰And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

Mark 1:1-11

¹¹And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

**We will observe the
JOHN'S PRAISING
in welcoming the King**

Mark 1:1-11

PRAISING

1

Prepare for Praise

1 Prepare for praise

Mark 1:3

³...Prepare ye the way of the
LORD, make his paths straight.



1 Prepare for praise

Psalm 10:17

**¹⁷LORD, thou hast heard the
desire of the humble:**



1 Prepare for praise

Psalm 10:17

17 thou wilt prepare their heart,
thou wilt cause thine ear to
hear:



1 Prepare for praise

Exodus 15:2

²The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God,



1 Prepare for praise

Exodus 15:2

²and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.



1 Prepare for praise

2 Timothy 2:21

²¹If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified,



1 Prepare for praise

2 Timothy 2:21

**²¹and meet for the master's use,
and prepared unto every good
work.**



PRAISING ...

1. Prepare for praise

2

Humility of Praise

2 Humility of Praise

Mark 1:7

⁷And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me,



2 Humility of Praise

Mark 1:7

⁷the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.



2 Humility of Praise

2 Chronicles 12:1-7

**¹And it came to pass, when
Rehoboam had established the
kingdom,**



2 Humility of Praise

2 Chronicles 12:1-7

¹and had strengthened himself,
he forsook the law of the LORD,
and all Israel with him.



2 Humility of Praise

2 Chronicles 12:1-7

²And it came to pass, that in the fifth year of king Rehoboam Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem,



2 Humility of Praise

2 Chronicles 12:1-7

²because they had transgressed
against the LORD,



2 Humility of Praise

2 Chronicles 12:1-7

³With twelve hundred chariots,
and threescore thousand
horsemen:



2 Humility of Praise

2 Chronicles 12:1-7

³and the people were without number that came with him out of Egypt;



2 Humility of Praise

2 Chronicles 12:1-7

³the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and
the Ethiopians.



2 Humility of Praise

2 Chronicles 12:1-7

⁴And he took the fenced cities which pertained to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.



2 Humility of Praise

2 Chronicles 12:1-7

⁵Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah,



2 Humility of Praise

2 Chronicles 12:1-7

⁵that were gathered together to
Jerusalem because of Shishak,
and said unto them,



2 Humility of Praise

2 Chronicles 12:1-7

⁵Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.



2 Humility of Praise

2 Chronicles 12:1-7

6Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD is righteous.



2 Humility of Praise

2 Chronicles 12:1-7

⁷And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying,



2 Humility of Praise

2 Chronicles 12:1-7

⁷They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them,



2 Humility of Praise

2 Chronicles 12:1-7

⁷but I will grant them some
deliverance;



2 Humility of Praise

2 Chronicles 12:1-7

⁷and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.



2 Humility of Praise

Philippians 2:8-11

⁸And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death,



2 Humility of Praise

Philippians 2:8-11

⁸even the death of the cross.



2 Humility of Praise

Philippians 2:8-11

⁹Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:



2 Humility of Praise

Philippians 2:8-11

¹⁰That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven,



2 Humility of Praise

Philippians 2:8-11

¹⁰and things in earth, and things under the earth;



2 Humility of Praise

Philippians 2:8-11

¹¹And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father.



PRAISING ...

1. Prepare for praise
2. Humility of praise

3

Pleasing Praise

3 Pleasing Praise

Mark 1:11

¹¹And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.



3a

Praise Him

With a Clean Heart

3a Praise Him with a clean heart

Psalm 51:10

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.



3a Praise Him with a clean heart

Matthew 5:8

**8Blessed are the pure in heart:
for they shall see God.**



3b

Praise Him

Regardless of

Feeling

3b Praise Him regardless of feeling

Psalm 9:1-2

¹I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.



3b Praise Him regardless of feeling

Psalm 9:1-2

**²I will be glad and rejoice in thee:
I will sing praise to thy name, O
thou most High.**



3c

Praise Him

Because We Are

Commanded To

3c Praise Him because we are commanded to

Psalm 106:1

¹Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.



3c Praise Him because we are commanded to

Psalm 107:15

15 Oh that men would praise the
LORD for his goodness, and for
his wonderful works to the
children of men!



3c Praise Him because we are commanded to

Psalm 113:1

**¹Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye
servants of the LORD, praise the
name of the LORD.**



PRAISING ...

1. Prepare for praise
2. Humility of praise
3. Pleasing praise