

Title: Prepare the Way
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Prepare the way – by the blood

Luke 22:19-20

¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁰ Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."

Prepare the way

Isaiah 40:3-5

³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; ⁵ The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

1. All-consuming thirst

Psalm 63:1-3

¹ O God, You *are* my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. ² So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. ³ Because Your lovingkindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise You.

2. High and lifted up

John 12:32

³² And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *peoples* to Myself.

Psalm 34:1-4

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise *shall continually be* in my mouth. ² My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; the humble shall hear *of it* and be glad. ³ Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together. ⁴ I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

John 4:23

²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

3. His Kingdom

Psalm 135:15

¹⁵ The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of men's hands

Psalm 127:1

¹ Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Matthew 16:18

¹⁸ ...I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

4. His presence

John 12:26

²⁶ If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him *My* Father will honor.

Luke 6:46

⁴⁶ But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?