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Text: Isaiah 40:1-5

Focus: The Ministry of the Lord Jesus in Prophecy

- 1. A Message of Comfort Isaiah 40:1-2
 - a. The word "comfort" was mentioned 3 times in two verses
 - b. Historical significance
 - i. War fare ended
 - ii. Iniquity pardoned
 - iii. Discipline was only "double" (It could have been 7 times; Leviticus 26:14-45)
- 2. A Special Messenger
- 3. Appreciation of the Ministry of John the Baptizer
 - a. John as a witness of Jesus

John 1

- i. Honoring Jesus
- ii. Presenting Jesus as the Lamb of God
- b. Ministry of John in the wilderness

Matthew 3;Luke 3

- i. Highly successful
- ii. Thousands flocked to hear him
- iii. Baptism of repentance
- c. Commendation by the Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew11:1-15

- i. Public commendation of John
- ii. Encouragement to the disciples of John
- d. Death of John the Baptizer

Matthew14:1-12

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

Comfort, yes, comfort My people, says your God. Isaiah 40:1