

OF HERALDS AND KINGS

What does the presence of a herald mean?

What about his dress, his posture?

What does he say—how important is it? What kinds of messages might he speak?

OF PROPHETS AND THE KING

...He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. -Luke 1.16-17

What does John's presence, dress, demeanor, and his message tell us about the King he represents?

What should we hear from John?

The ultimate application question—how must we change to be ready for this King?

Something to consider

- Are you ready for something so wonderful, and so terrible, as the coming of this king?

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. -Zephaniah 3.17-18

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. -Isaiah 12.6

The Lord is near. -Philippians 4.5