

Advent – 2

Mark 1:1-8

**In the Bible, the wilderness is a _____ landscape
that reminds us of our _____ upon God for all things.**

1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **2** As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,
3 the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”
4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **6** Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. **7** And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. **8** I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the
desert a highway for our God.” -Isaiah 40:3

2 Wilderness Temptations

1. We are tempted to long for the _____ days of the _____.

“Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

-Numbers 11:4-5

2. We are tempted to _____ about scarcity, God invites us to trust him for spiritual _____.