

PREPARATION FOR THE MESSIAH

- **The ministry of John the Baptist**
- **The Lord's own baptism in the Jordan River**



What is a “Gospel?”

euaggelion: good news

Original Word: εὐαγγέλιον, ου, τό

Part of Speech: Noun, Neuter

Transliteration: euaggelion

Phonetic Spelling: (yoo-ang-ghel'-ee-on)

eu = “good”

εὐ|αγγέλιον
euaggelion

aggel = “message”

euaggelion =
“good message”
(good news)

Genesis 12:2,3

"I will make you into
a great nation (Israel)

-
... all peoples on earth
will be blessed
through you."

Exodus 19:6 - you shall be to Me
a kingdom of priests and a holy
nation.

1 Peter 2:9 - you are a chosen
generation, a royal priesthood, a
holy nation, His own special
people



Christ / Messiah

• What was the promised Messiah to do?

Several tasks, purposes and roles, including ...

➤ Perform miracles, wonders and signs

(Isaiah 35:4-6; Matthew 12:22,23; 11:1-6; Acts 2:21,36)

➤ Establish a rejuvenated (restored) kingdom of Israel

(Isaiah 35:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Exodus 19:5,6; 1 Peter 2:9,10; Revelation 5:9,10)

Hence the call to “Repent”, to live appropriately as God’s nation of priests to the other nations, before the Messiah’s advent. *(Matthew 3:1,2,8-10; Matthew 4:17,23; Acts 3:19; Luke 3:3, 10-14)*

➤ Live in Israel’s midst as king

- over Israel *(Matthew 2:2; 27:11; John 1:49)*
- over all nations *(Revelation 11:15; 19:11-16)*

➤ Be a Saviour

- save Israel from her enemies *(Zechariah 12:8,9; 14:1-4,11,12)*
- save Israel from her sins, on a national level *(Isaiah 64:5b-9; Matthew 1:21; see also Isaiah 53:5,11,12)*

Individual Israelites and Gentiles may also be saved from eternal death and separation from God. *(Colossians 3:11)*

**“All day long I have stretched out My hands
to a disobedient and contrary people.”**

Romans 10:21

Throughout the ages, God has stretched out His hands to mankind and ultimately, the vast majority of mankind rejects God, His Word and His ways. He has been gracious enough to give us every opportunity to believe Him and draw near to Him, under different dispensations with varying sets of conditions – all generally rejected by mankind.

