

THE SUNDAY PAPER Year C 3rd SUNDAY in ADVENT

As God's people remembered the saving deeds he had done for them again and again, they began to hope that some day he would set them free once and for all. They began to hope that a great and special leader, the MESSIAH, would come to them and save them from their enemies. The PROPHETS promised that this would happen. The people waited. Sometimes they almost gave up. Then, a man called John began to say, "The Messiah is coming right now!"

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Luke 3:7-18

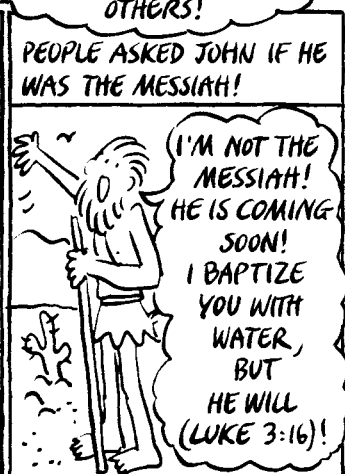
WE CALL JOHN "THE BAPTIST" BECAUSE HE BAPTIZED PEOPLE. HE LIVED IN THE WILDERNESS NEAR THE RIVER JORDAN!

MANY PEOPLE CAME OUT TO HIM TO BE BAPTIZED, AND TO HEAR HIM SPEAK!



YOUR ANCESTORS OBEYED GOD! BUT THAT DOESN'T HELP YOU! YOU HAVE TO OBEY HIM, TOO! SO CHANGE YOUR WAYS!

SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO JOHN WERE PEOPLE THAT NOBODY LIKED, LIKE TAX-COLLECTORS AND SOLDIERS!



Jesus, the Messiah, has come to us and set us free, just as God promised. He has done it in a way that nobody expected. He has set us free from our most terrible enemies of all - sin and fear and death. He has saved us forever!

ZEPHANIAH 3:
"Be glad, because the Lord your King is among you; he has saved you from your enemies"

FOR THE PSALM ISAIAH 12:3
"You will draw water with joy from the springs of salvation, because God is with you"

PHILIPPIANS 4:6
"The Lord is near! Do not worry about anything, but be joyful and pray to God"

CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN!