

Introduction

The Eight Signs and the OT (Deuteronomy 18)

John 1:26 and Isaiah 40:3

An interpretive question in Isaiah 40:3; Matthew 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4; John 1:23 is:

Does “in the wilderness” refer to where JB is? Or to where the way is to be straightened?

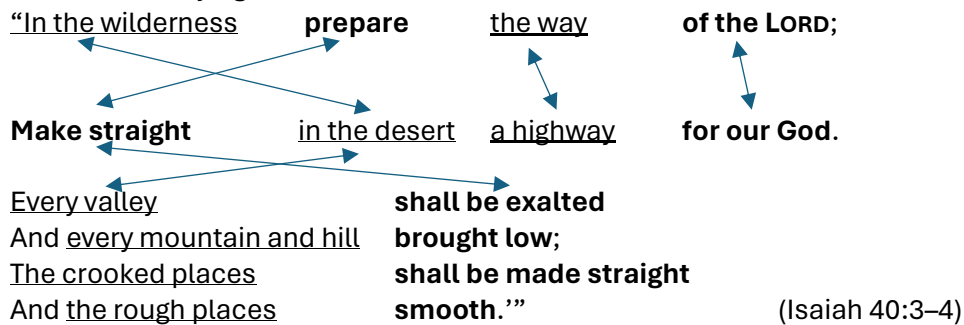
#1: A voice calling, “In the wilderness prepare...”

#2: A voice calling in the wilderness, “Prepare...”

- A. One translation (¹Complete Jewish Bible) has **#1 in Isaiah; #1 in the four Gospels.**
- B. Fifteen translations: (¹American ²Standard, ³Basic English, ⁴Christian Standard, ⁵Common English, ⁶English Revised, ⁷English Standard, ⁸New American, ⁹New American Standard, ¹⁰New English Translation, ¹¹New International, ¹²New Jerusalem, ¹³New Living, ¹⁴New Revised Standard, ¹⁵Revised Standard) have **#1 in Isaiah; #2 in the four Gospels.**
- C. Six translations: (¹Darby, ²Douay, ³God's Word for the Nations, ⁴King James, ⁵New King James, ⁶Webster) have **#2 in Isaiah; #2 in the four Gospels.**

The Greek phrase allows either translation, but Isaiah's context favors #1.

The voice of one crying:



John 2:17 and Psalm 69:9a

John 6:31 and Psalm 78:24b

John 6:45 and Isaiah 54:13b

John 12:13 and Psalm 118:26a

John 12:15 and Zechariah 9:9

John 12:38 and Isaiah 53:1/John 12:40 and Isaiah 6:10

John 13:18 and Psalm 41:9b

John 15: 25 and Psalm 35:9 or 69:4

John 19:24 and Psalm 22:18

John 19:36 and Psalm 34:20 (cf. Exodus 12:46/Numbers 9:12 and cf. John 12:33/19:32)

John 19:37 and Zechariah 12:10

Conclusion