

## SERMON SUMMARY

Second Sunday in Advent  
Comfort for Life in the Wilderness

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

December 6, 2020  
Isaiah 40:1-11

There was nothing uncertain about the wilderness, of course, since the Lord Himself was \_\_\_\_\_ them.

The Lord kept His \_\_\_\_\_—not as quickly as the Israelites wanted, perhaps, but according to His mercy.

To those exiled citizens of Jerusalem who mourned their sins, the Lord proclaimed \_\_\_\_\_ through Isaiah.

But the Lord declared pardon and grace: although they had forsaken Him, He had not \_\_\_\_\_ them.

According to God's will, at the proper time, John the Baptist's \_\_\_\_\_ was heard crying in the wilderness, preparing the way of the Lord.

As John preached, all \_\_\_\_\_—of whatever station in life—faced death because of their \_\_\_\_\_, but the Lord has promised life in the Messiah.

Instead, God had become man to \_\_\_\_\_ them from the captivity of sin, lead them through the wilderness of a world turned against God, and deliver them to everlasting \_\_\_\_\_.

You were born into this world a \_\_\_\_\_ to sin, death and devil.

The Good Shepherd laid down His life on the \_\_\_\_\_ so that you might be forgiven for your sins.

You're not there yet. You're still in the \_\_\_\_\_.

You're free from sin, but it still wants to take you \_\_\_\_\_.

Wilderness living can get rough enough that you might think that the \_\_\_\_\_ has led you out to die.

Should you be tempted to believe that God is \_\_\_\_\_ with you, repent, look to the cross and rest assured that He is \_\_\_\_\_.

You are not forgotten: if Christ has died for all people, and \_\_\_\_\_ are people, then Christ has died for you.

Thus the Lord is with \_\_\_\_\_ throughout your days in this world.

### **Questions**

1. Why were the Israelites carried off to Babylon?
2. What message did John the Baptist proclaim?
3. What should you do if you feel that God has abandoned you, has forgotten you in this world?
4. Any questions or comments about this sermon?