

**Preparation for the Coming
King and His Kingdom**

Matthew 3:1-12

The Gospel of
Matthew

Jesus The Messiah King

Preaching Series on Matthew

“Come Worship Jesus the Messiah King”

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the
Gospel According to

Matthew

Matthew 3-4 Preparation for the Ministry of the King

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John the Baptist Prepares the Way

Be Prepared for the Coming King and His Kingdom!

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Gospel According to

Matthew

The King & His Kingdom is coming!

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea² and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Repent – Turn Around!

Away from sin/unbelief!

Turn towards God

The access to the kingdom requires repentance

Kingdom of God is...

“Behold,
the Kingdom of God
is *within you*”
Luke 17:21

**The Reign of God
in the Heart**

The Messenger with His Message

³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

Propheesied by Isaiah 40:3

Voice of Great Hope

Desert/wilderness

Spiritual thirst & hunger



John the Baptist

⁴ John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

A real powerful prophet like Elijah

Malachi 3:1; 4:5

Jesus in Matthew 11:11-15

Zachariah in Luke 1:16-17



A simple man with a simple task

⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.

⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan.

Water Baptism of Repentance

***Both Jews and Gentiles
Something New & Radical!***



Kingdom life of Bearing Fruit

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them:

‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?’

⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

True Repentance

produces Fruit

Outward sign of an

inward change

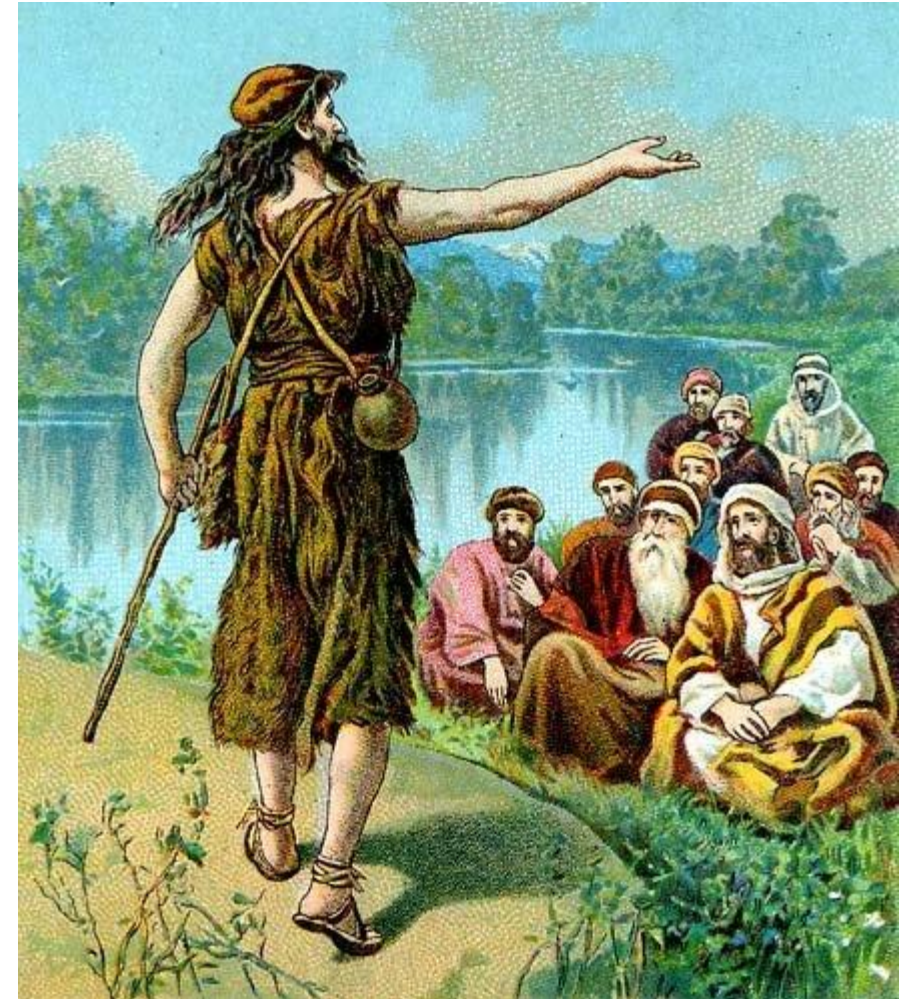


It applies to everyone!

⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our father.” I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

**Something new
and radical!**

**Regardless of who you are
and your spiritual heritage**



Future Judgment in the Kingdom

¹⁰ The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

Urgency!

***Jesus the King and Judge
is coming soon!***



The New Thing!

Baptism of the Spirit & Fire

'I baptise you with water for repentance.

*But after me comes one who is
more powerful than I, whose sandals
I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise
you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

The Baptism of the Spirit
Empowerment to live a new
fruitful life in the community



Baptism of Fire

***¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand,
and he will clear his threshing-floor,
gathering his wheat into the barn
and burning up the chaff with
unquenchable fire.'***

**The Baptism of Judgment
which follows as prophesized
in Malachi 4:1**

*'Surely the day is coming;
it will burn like a furnace...*



Be Prepared for the Coming King & His Kingdom!

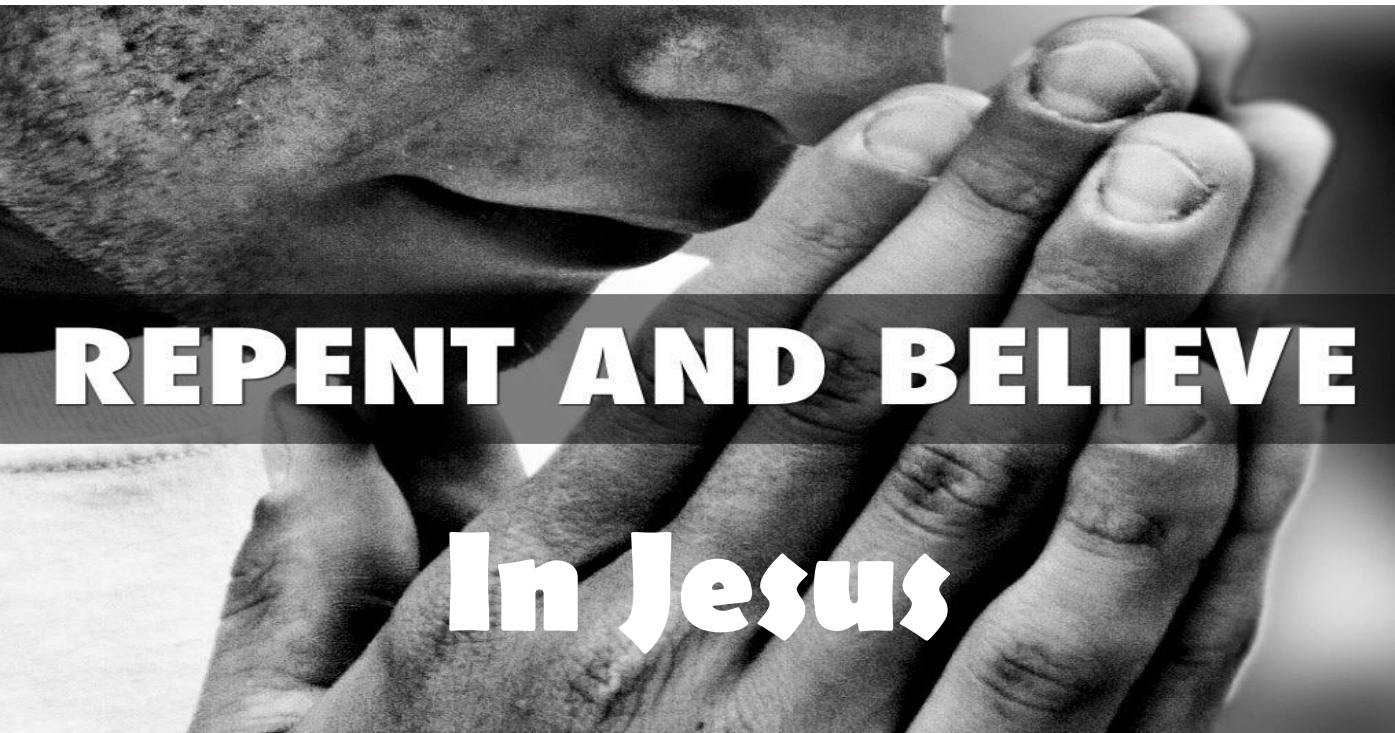
- **Repent and be Baptized**
- **Bearing Fruit**
- **Be Ready for Judgment to come**



Repent and be Baptized

Repent, Turn around

Believe in Jesus



REPENT AND BELIEVE

In Jesus

THE BAPTISM OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT

*Be born again, of the
Spirit from above*

Live the Eternal Life of
Knowing Jesus and
Knowing God

Be Filled with the Spirit
Bearing Fruit of the Spirit



But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace,
forbearance, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control.
Against such things
there is no law.
Galatians 5:22-23

You Will Pray Naturally

**Calling on the Name of
the Lord in your life & in
the church & see His Power**

On all Occasions

Good times give thanks,

Bad times call and

rely on Him!



Judgment to Come



‘Be Ready’

Not ‘getting ready’ But *Eagerly looking forward to his coming again*

Worship Jesus the Messiah King

Live a Spirit filled holy God-centred life

*Not a pious/religious self-centred life
in His Kingdom*

**You will be filled with righteousness,
peace, and joy of the Spirit.**

