

WHAT ARE WE TO DO TO RECEIVE THE KING?

The Ministry of John the Baptist:

Preparing the way for King Jesus and His Kingdom

Matthew 3:1-3

I. WE MUST RECOGNIZE, through John's Example, **GOD PREPARES THE HEART TO RECEIVE THE KING THROUGH HIS WORD** PROCLAIMED BY MEN (1-3)

A. **THE MAN**, John the Baptist (1a)

B. **HIS MINISTRY**: Preaching Repentance (2-3) and (next week) Affirming Repentance publically through "Johns" Baptism (5-6)

1. **HIS METHOD** Obedient **preaching** not based on own wisdom (1b)

2. **HIS MESSAGE**: Prepare your heart for the King through **Repentance** (2-3)

(a) The message: **Repent**

(b) Questions concerning repentance (various passages)

(i) What is repentance?

(ii) What does the repentance from?

(iii) What then is this repentance turned toward?

(iv) Who is it that Scripture says must repent?

(v) What is it that brings about repentance?

(vi) What happens when we repent?

(vii) What happens if we do not repent?

(viii) Why should we repent?

C. **THE REASON JOHN'S PREACHING REPENTANCE**: Preparing the way for **Jesus** 2b-3)

(a) (**The King is at hand**) (2b)

(b) Prophecy reveals **repentance prepares the way for Him** (3)

NEXT WEEK

II. WE MUST RESPOND RIGHTLY TO HIS WORD, AS EVIDENCED BY CONFESSION OF SIN, OR YOU WILL FACE FIERY JUDGMENT (4-12)