

WHAT ARE WE TO DO TO RECEIVE THE KING? PT 2

John the Baptist: Warning the hypocrites!

Matthew 3:4-10

I. **REVIEW:** RECOGNIZE GOD PREPARES THE HEART THROUGH REPENTANCE TO RECEIVE THE SAVIOR KING JESUS: John preached repentance (1-3)

II. **RESPOND RIGHTLY TO HIS WORD:** The initial response of the Jews, confession of sins. (4-6)

III. **HEED THE WARNING CONCERNING SUPERFICIAL HYPOCRITICAL REPENTANCE:** The truly repentant will bear fruit and those who don't, will be judged (7-10)

A. **The religious leaders response:** An attempt at outward response yet with no inward change (7a)

B. **John's response to the outwardly religious seeking baptism:** A rebuke, an exhortation and warning (7b-10)

1. His **Rebuke:** "you brood of vipers, who warned you...?" (7b)

2. His **Exhortation** and **Warning:** Bear fruit, not relying on religious ritual or affiliation, lest you be judged (8-10)

NEXT WEEK

IV. **RECOGNIZE REPENTANCE PREPARES THE WAY, BUT KING JESUS DOES THE SAVING AND THE JUDGING (11-12)**

A. Johns' baptism symbolized a repent heart (11a)

B. Jesus the mighty God, will baptize with the Holy Spirit for Salvation (11b)

C. Jesus the mighty God will baptize with fire for Judgment (11b)

D. A life or death illustration (12)