

The King's Herald

Matthew 3:1-12



I. Proclaims My Kingdom—3:1-6

A. A message that focuses on Christ

B. A ministry that clears a path for Christ

C. A life that draws attention to Christ

Now in those days John the Baptist came, **preaching** in the wilderness of Judea, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 3:1-2

II. Prepares the way for Me —3:7-12

A. The Call of Repentance

B. The Motive of Repentance

C. The Enemy of Repentance

D. The Fruit of Repentance

"As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Matthew 3:11-22

Life Group Study Notes: The Kings Herald—Matt. 3: 1-12

- 1. Can you think of someone in our modern era who fits the description of a herald? Who and why?**
- 2. Why is it hard for us to see greatness from God's perspective? Do you think that you view yourself from man's perspective more often than from God's perspective? What is the danger of this?**
- 3. John's primary message is repentance and a calling to get ready to receive Jesus as king. Do you think this is the same as what you see modeled in contemporary Christian culture? Why?**
- 4. John's life and singular focus on Christ drew people out of their normal context to consider the state of their heart before God. How do you think your life does or does not do this presently? What needs to change?**
- 5. John prepared the way for people to come to Christ by calling for true repentance. How would you define true repentance?**
- 6. The true and genuine King of Glory is available to you today. How should this motivate our repentance and the way we turn from sin?**
- 7. Religious hypocrisy is the great enemy of true repentance. Give an example of how this keeps us (or anyone) from being part of the Kingdom of Heaven.**
- 8. What are the two fruits of genuine repentance (3:8-12). We must turn away from _____ and turn completely to _____.**
- 9. How do you need to apply this passage to your life and calling to herald the King?**