

Preparing for Jesus

Matthew 3:1-12

The Last of the Old Prophets – John the Baptizer

John's was the first voice the people had heard from the _____ for _____ years!

He was a prophet (reminiscent of _____ – Malachi 4:5-6) who came heralding the coming _____ with its _____.

And since that kingdom is coming, we must all _____.

John's Baptism ... What and Why?

What is keeping you from Jesus?

What must you do?

What will God do in response?

On Repentance ...

The first doctrine _____ preached was repentance: Mark 1:15

The _____ preached repentance the first time they preached: Mark 6:12

The conclusion of _____ great sermons in Acts 2-3 was repentance: Acts 2:38; 3:19

When the Jerusalem church heard of the conversion of _____, they celebrated their repentance: Acts 11:18

The theme of repentance was Paul's own summary of his ministry when on trial: Acts 26:20

Without repentance, there is no _____ to God nor _____ with God.

1) Repentance has its _____.

Repentance is more than _____, _____, and even _____.

All of those elements can and should _____ repentance, but true repentance is _____.

Case study: Paul's painful letter to the church at Corinth (2 Corinthians 7:5-11a)

Repentance is not _____ and _____, either.

Repentance contains indispensable 3 elements:

- _____:
- _____:
- _____:

2) Only the _____ repent.

3) Repentance _____. The stakes are too high.

My Response of Repentance Today ...

Repentance unto _____? (Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:37-38; Acts 3:19-21)

Repentance unto _____ and _____ to God? (Psa 51; Joel 2:12)

Repentance unto _____? (Psa 32; Romans 8:12-13)