

“GET READY CAUSE HERE HE COMES”

Matthew 3:1-12

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Courier of the King (1-6)

John’s Message (1-2)

John’s Mission (3)

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John’s Popularity (5)

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Pharisees

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Comparing Jesus and John (10-12)

Jesus' power is far greater

Jesus' baptism is far superior

Jesus' role is far more consequential

Family Life Groups

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1) John's message was that since the kingdom is dawning people needed to get themselves ready to encounter the King. He called them to repent, because the readiness he was describing was ethical and moral in nature. The lives of kingdom subjects must correspond to the King's character. Is this kind of repentance still necessary? If so, what does it look like today?

2) John says (in his address to the Pharisees and Sadducees) that theological knowledge or spiritual pedigree is not the means by which a person gains entrance into the kingdom. In fact, they can be hindrances. How do theological or biblical knowledge and spiritual pedigree still hinder a person from gaining entrance into the kingdom today? Is it a hindrance for you? How can this hindrance be overcome?