

The Rescue Begins: Preparing the Way for Christ Matthew 3:1-17

I. Preparing hearts to trust Christ. (Matthew 3:1-12)

Matthew 11:11

Luke 3:2

1. Preparing hearts through repentance. (Matthew 3:1-6)

James 4:8-9

2 Corinthians 7:10-11

2. Preparing hearts through warning of judgment. (Matthew 3:7-8, 10-11)

3. Preparing hearts by pointing to Christ. (Matthew 3:11-12)

Romans 8:3-4

II. Resting in the Righteousness of Christ (Matthew 3:13-17)

Faith Sheet for Friends and Family

1. If you have ever been baptized, what do you recall of the circumstances, meaning, and emotions surrounding the event?
2. What are the components of repentance? Read Matthew 3:8, James 4:8-10, 2 Corinthians 7:10-11, and 1 Samuel 7:3.
3. How does repentance lead us into a deeper love for God and others? Read Matthew 3:2 and 4:17.
4. How was John's message in Matthew 3:7-10 preparing the way for Christ?
5. If we are in Christ, the word's God spoke to Jesus, "you are my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," are the words He speaks to us. What is the significance of this affirmation from God?