

"True Repentance"

Matthew 3:1-12

INTRODUCTION: Verses 1 - 2

*Realize what true repentance is!

I. **The MESSENGER of Repentance (v. 2-6)**

(Who qualifies to call others to repentance?)

- A. A Herald (v. 2-3)
- B. A Holy Man (v. 4)
- C. A Humble Man (v. 11)

II. **The MOTIVES of Repentance (v. 2, 7, 10, 12)**

(Why should you repent?)

- A. The Promise of God's Kingdom (v. 2)
- B. The Prospect of God's Wrath (v. 7, 10, 12)

III. **The FRUITS of Repentance (v. 5-6, 8-10)**

(How can you see real repentance?)

- A. Outward Fruit (v. 5-6)
- B. Worthy Fruit (v. 8-9)
- C. Good Fruit (v. 10)

IV. **The BLESSINGS of Repentance (v. 11-12)**

(What is the result of repentance?)

- A. "The Holy Spirit" - Salvation (v. 11)
- B. "The Garner" - Heaven (v. 12)

CONCLUSION: