

PREPARE

Matthew 3.1-4.11

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Introduction

Matthew 1-2:

- Jesus, the Messiah from the line of Abraham and David (Matthew 1.1-17).
- Jesus, the son of God through his virgin birth (Matthew 1.18-24).
- Jesus, the new Moses and new Israel who brings salvation (Matthew 2.1-23).

1. Repentance in Christ (Mt 3.1-12)

- Cf. 2 Kings 1.8, Herald (vv.1-6)
- Preaching: (1) Repentance (vv.2, 7-10), (2) The kingdom of God is near (vv.2, 11-12)

Implications

- Cf. Ephesians 5.3-7; Galatians 5.19-26
- Are you repenting of your sins? Are we living according to the kingdom of heaven?

2. Identity in Christ (Mt 3.13-4.11)

- Jesus' Obedience – Baptism (Matthew 3.13-15).
- Jesus' Identity – as the son of God (Matthew 3.16-17).
- Cf. John 14.6
- The 3 tests:

Implications

- Are you rested in your identity in Christ, including in ministry and work?

Conclusion & Response