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Matthew 3:1-12

Matthew: Following the King of Kings
“Repentance”

INTRODUCTION

1. **THE MILIEU**

2. **THE MAN**

3. **THE MESSAGE**

4. **THE METHOD**

Questions for personal meditation and study

1. How have you understood repentance? Has it been a major feature in your walk with Christ? How so?
2. How does saying repentance is not FIRST about a person's effort to avoid sin change it?
3. John tells the Pharisees and Sadducees to "bear fruit in keeping with repentance." What is that fruit?
4. If you have a Bible dictionary, or go online, and look up "Pharisee" and "Sadducee." They will be key characters in the Matthew story as we go along. Good to know who they are. Here's an online Bible Dictionary you could use.
<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/dictionaries>
5. Review Psalm 51. What are some of the features of confession and repentance that you see in David's prayer? Who is the active agent in verses 7-12? What does this say about the process of repentance.
6. What does baptism symbolize? It is a statement made to God. What does it say?
7. What does your baptism say to the other brothers and sisters in Christ?