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Sunday Morning Messages

The Gospel of Matthew Series

June 23 – "Preparing for the King" (Matthew 3:1-12) Pastor John Heston

June 30 – "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 3:13-17) Pastor John Heston

New Series: Resisting Temptation

July 7 – "Trust God's Word" (Matthew 4:1-4) Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

July 14 – "Trust God's Authority" (Matthew 4:5-7) Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

July 21 – "Worship and Serve God Alone" (Matthew 4:8-11) Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

Preparing for the King

Matthew 3:1-10

June 23, 2024 Pastor John Heston

Matthew 3:1-10

Now in those days John the Baptist *came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³ For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said,

"THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!""

⁴ Now John himself had a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the district around the Jordan; ⁶ and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance; ⁹ and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

The only entrance into the Kingdom is through repentance.

Matthew 3:2

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The Gift of Repentance

1. <u>Repent</u> of the sin

2. <u>Receive</u> God's forgiveness

3. <u>Rebuke</u> the enemy's hold on you because of sin

4. <u>Replace</u> all lies with God's Truth

We are a part of the Kingdom story.