

## PREPARE THE WAY

Matthew 3:1-17

Key verse: 3

1. What was John the Baptist's message and where did he preach? (1-2) What is repentance? How had the kingdom of heaven come near?
2. How did Isaiah prophecy about John the Baptist? (3) What was the mission he need to carry out? What can we learn from him about our mission? What does John's lifestyle tell us about him? (4) What was the result of his preaching? (5-6)
3. What warning did John give to the religious leaders? (7) What fruit did they need? (8) Why is a religious life or heritage insufficient? (9-10) How is Jesus' baptism different? (11) What other warning does John give? (12)
4. Why was John surprised? (13-14) Why did Jesus ask to be baptised? (15) What does Jesus' baptism mean? (c.f. Mt 5:17) What different events happened to show God's approval? (16-17)