

# A Different Preparation



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**And they were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.**

**Matthew 3:6 (CSB)**



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- 2. A Different Kind of Preaching**



**John preached repentance over rules**



**When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them,**

**Matthew 3:7 (CSB)**



**“Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee  
from the coming wrath?”**

**Matthew 3:7 (CSB)**



**Therefore produce fruit consistent with repentance.**

**Matthew 3:8 (CSB)**



**John preached holiness over heritage**



**And don't presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'**

**Matthew 3:9 (CSB)**



**For I tell you that God is able to raise up  
children for Abraham from these stones.**

**Matthew 3:9 (CSB)**



**The ax is already at the root of the trees.  
Therefore, every tree that doesn't produce  
good fruit**

**Matthew 3:10 (CSB)**



**Will be cut down and thrown into the fire.**

**Matthew 3:10 (CSB)**



**John preached Jesus over all things**



**“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the One who is coming after me is more powerful than I.**

**Matthew 3:11 (CSB)**



**I am not worthy to remove His sandals. He  
Himself will baptize you with the Holy Spirit  
and fire.**

**Matthew 3:11 (CSB)**



**His winnowing shovel is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the barn.**

**Matthew 3:12 (CSB)**



**But the chaff He will burn with fire that never goes out.”**

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- 2. A Different Kind of Preaching**
- 3. A Different Kind of Pronouncement**



**Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.**

**Matthew 3:13 (CSB)**



**But John tried to stop Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and yet You come to me?”**

**Matthew 3:14 (CSB)**



**Jesus answered him, “Allow it for now,  
because this is the way for us to fulfill all  
righteousness.”**

**Matthew 3:15 (CSB)**



**Then John allowed Him to be baptized.**

**Matthew 3:15 (CSB)**



**When Jesus was baptized, He went up  
immediately from the water. The heavens  
suddenly opened for Him, and He saw the**  
Matthew 3:16 (CSB)



**Spirit of God descending like a dove and  
coming down on Him.**

**Matthew 3:16 (CSB)**



**And a Voice from heaven said: “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased.”**

**Matthew 3:17 (CSB)**