



C O R N E R S T O N E
B A P T I S T C H U R C H

“John the Baptist: Prepare the Way!”

Matthew 3:1-11

- I. John the Baptist, fulfilling the prophecy of _____, serves as the Messiah’s forerunner (3:1-3).

Isaiah 40:1-5

- a. John’s message was one of _____ as a matter of preparation for the Kingdom of Heaven (3:2).

Matthew 4:17

- b. Twice John is noted to be preaching from without the religious hub of Jerusalem—in the _____ (3:1, 3).
- c. The significance of his attire and diet seems to be twofold: Simplicity and even _____ in lifestyle and an identification with _____ (3:4).

2 Kings 1:8; Malachi 4:5; Matthew 11:8-9

- II. All manner of _____ were repenting under John’s ministry, but when the _____ Jews from Jerusalem approach, he confronts their hypocrisy straight on (3:5-7).

- a. Calling them a brood (_____) of vipers, he admonishes them to bear fruit in their life that is consistent with repentance and cautions them against the pride of having Abraham as their father (3:8-9).
- b. John declares that a superior, dual-_____ will come from this Messiah: Baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire (3:10-12).