

# Are You Ready for Christmas? (Matthew 3:1-12)

Introduction: Christmas is coming. People are busy with their preparations.

## I. JOHN'S MESSAGE: "PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD"

A. John is the "forerunner of Christ"

B. John's message is simple:

*"Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (v.2)*

## II. GOD LEADS US TO REPENT

A. Jesus called people to repent and believe (Mark 1:14-15)

B. Repent: to change one's mind; to change the direction one is going

## III. JESUS IS THE TRUE MESSIAH, OUR SAVIOUR

A. John called Pharisees and Sadducees

*"Brood of vipers" (v.7)*

B. Christmas is about JESUS, about the Cross.

C. We are saved by Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross.

*Romans 8:1 – "There is now no longer any condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."*

## IV. IN THIS TIME OF PREPARATION, THE VOICE SAYS TO YOU "REPENT!"

Conclusion: The Saviour is here to forgive you your sins. Get Ready!