

## **Matthew 3:1-6**

### *The King's Herald*

#### The Herald's Message (vv. 1-3)

#### The Herald's Manner (v. 4)

#### The Herald's Ministry (vv. 5-6)

## **Application of Matt 3:1-6**

1. What was the role of a herald in ancient times, how does that apply to John the Baptist and how does it relate to us today?
2. What does the word "repent" mean? Consider other uses of this command in gospel preaching (e.g. Matt 4:17; Mark 6:12; Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; 17:30; 26:20) and its relevance (and importance) to our gospel message today.
3. In what way is the reason and urgency for repentance ("for the kingdom of heaven is at hand") similar to the reason and urgency for people to repent today?
4. Considering Isaiah 40 in context, which Matthew (and the other gospel writers) quotes, who was John urging people to prepare for the coming of? How does this teach us about who Jesus is?
5. Reflect on John's manner of living in v. 4, how does your manner of living (e.g. use of time, money, what you watch, how you dress, and how you relate with people) reflect the message of the gospel?
  - a. Do you need to repent for a hypocrisy?
  - b. What is one area you can grow in aligning your manner with the gospel message?
  - c. Ask God for a growing desire to count all things loss compared with the surpassing value of knowing Christ (Phil 3:7-8)
6. Why is confession connected to "baptism"?
7. Why is "baptism" understood to mean "immersion"?
8. How is John's baptism similar to our commission to baptize disciples (see Matt 28:18-20)?
9. Pray for opportunities and boldness to urge someone this week to repent of their sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reading this week: Matthew 3:1-12

## Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>  <i>The King's H</i> _____  The Herald's M _____ (vv. __-__)	<u>Other Bible References:</u> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
<u>Chapter</u>	The Herald's M _____ (v. __)  The Herald's M _____ (vv. __-__)	
<u>Verses</u>		

### Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Yahweh	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Baptist/Baptism Baptized/	John	King/ Kingdom	Repent/ Repentance	Message

What is the message about? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

What/who can you pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture related to the message: