

Matthew 3:7-12

The King's Herald: Judgement is Coming

The Herald Denounces the Religious (v. 7)

The Herald Demands Righteous Fruit (v. 8)

The Herald Denies Descent Saves (v. 9)

The Herald Declares Impending Judgement (v. 10)

The Herald Decreases Himself (v. 11)

The Herald Describes Final Judgement (v. 12)

Application of Matt 3:7-12

1. You might want to do more study on the Pharisees and Sadducees to understand who they were.
 - a. Who do these groups represent in the modern church?
2. What does it mean to “bear fruit in keeping with repentance”?
 - a. You might want to consider other passages referring to “bearing fruit” e.g. Matt 7:16–20; 12:33-37; 13:22-23; Ps. 1:3
 - b. How are religious exercises and rituals (e.g. baptism) unable to save anyone?
 - c. Take time and ask God to examine your life for what type of fruit you’re producing. Ask for help or forgiveness as necessary.
3. Why is it important for people to understand we can’t rely on our physical descent for salvation (as many of the Jews did)?
 - a. Why might this be an especially important truth for children to understand? Please talk to your children about this truth.
4. What will happen to “every tree that does not bear good fruit”? Find other verses in Scripture referring to God’s judgement of fire.
5. What are differences between John and Jesus and their baptisms?
 - a. How does John’s humility as he speaks of the coming one (Jesus) challenge you to similar humility?
6. What does Jesus’ baptism “with the Holy Spirit and fire” mean and why?
7. The final verse in this passage against refers to God’s final judgement, although here John describes two groups who will experience this, who are they and what’s the different results?
8. Thank God for His work in your life to save you, to produce fruit in you, to deliver you from the wrath to come, and to grant you the Holy Spirit as a seal of your eternal inheritance

Reading this week: Matthew chapter 3

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	<i>The King's H_____ : J_____ is Coming</i>	_____
	The H_____ Denounces the R_____ (v. __)	_____
<u>Chapter</u>	The Herald D_____ Righteous Fruit (v. __)	_____
	The Herald D_____ Descent S_____ (v. __)	_____
	The Herald D_____ Impending Judgement (v. __)	_____
<u>Verses</u>	T_____ Herald D_____ Himself (v. __)	_____
	The H_____ Describes F_____ Judgement (v. __)	_____

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Yahweh	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Baptist/Baptism Baptize	John	Judgement/ Fire/Wrath	People	Religious

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: