

**April 16, 2023**

Matthew 3: Be Prepared

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### **Relationship with Jesus:**

1. Begins and continues with the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins
2. Transformation \_\_\_\_\_ tradition
3. Following Him \_\_\_\_\_
4. Being \_\_\_\_\_ transformed and \_\_\_\_\_ focused
5. Not just \_\_\_\_\_ church, \_\_\_\_\_ the church

G.K. Chesterton

*"We do not want a church that will move with the world. We want a church that will move the world."*

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### Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. Think of a time when you were unprepared for something.
  - What happened?
  - Are you someone who typically strives to be prepared? Maybe overprepared?
3. What was the core of John's teaching? What was he warning against?
4. John said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
  - What did John mean?
  - What is the significance of that?
5. Go back and look at the five key points from today's message.
  - 1) Is there any unconfessed sin that you need to repent of?
  - 2) How have you seen transformation in your life since accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior? Are there any traditions you are holding onto that is keeping you from growing in your faith?
  - 3) Are you following Jesus unashamedly? Do you find it hard to share your faith?
  - 4) How are you being outwardly focused in your faith? Do you have a heart for the lost? How has God gifted you? What skills, talents, and abilities do you have that could help spread the Gospel?
  - 5) Is coming to church the only time you spend with God? What does "being the church" look like?
6. Read the following verses: 2 Corinthians 5:20, 2 Timothy 2:15, 1 Peter 3:15.
  - What do these verses say about preparing ourselves and sharing our faith?

**Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 3) and this week's message.**

**Adoration:** What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

**Confession:** What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving:** What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

**Supplication:** What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?