

I Am Jesus: Repentance Matthew 3:1-12 Mark 1:4-8, & Luke 3:1-18

For more about John the Baptist, check out the "Visitations" & "He Keeps His Promises" teachings from the "I Am Jesus" message series at mynewhope.ca/messages.

John was a _____.

John preached and baptized people in _____, where the Israelites crossed over the Jordan River into the Promised Land (see *Joshua 3*).

The term "baptism" was invented around 500 B.C. in reference to dying cloth to change its colour.

Baptism means "_____" – to be fully submerged.

"Repentance" means "to _____ one's _____".

John's baptism was all about what Jesus was *going* to do. Our baptism is all about what Jesus has *done*.

Repentance is the _____ between the wilderness and the presence of God.

The prophecy mentioned is from Isaiah 40:3-5.

Repentance is about _____ our need for a saviour.

Elijah was an Old Testament prophet whose ministry was marked by powerful miracles (see *1 Kings 17:1 - 2 Kings 2:11*). Elisha followed Elijah; and John the Baptist was rumoured to be the "next Elijah".

Pharisees: Legalists; ritualists; fanatical about the Old Testament laws and oral tradition laws, which they added to God's Word; extremely Orthodox; very influential; about 6,000 in number

Sadducees: Liberalists; rationalists; reformed; modernists; humanists; denied the inspiration of the Word of God; would not believe in any type of Resurrection

John's message is summed up in the meaning of his name: "*The Lord is gracious*".

Trusting your family history to save you is as foolish as trusting your _____ to save you. God needs neither. He wants sons and daughters.

When your mind is changed, your _____ change. And your _____ drive your behaviour.

Jesus *wants* you to be ready. He *wants* you to welcome Him into your life. He *wants* you to be His.