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Prepare for Glory
Matthew 3:1-12

Advent = _____

- We remember Christ's coming in Bethlehem as a baby.
- We _____ to Christ's coming through the Spirit.
- We prepare for Christ's second coming as King and Judge.

Point:

Changing Direction to Prepare for Glory:

I. Change of _____.

Matthew 3:1-6 *Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 3 For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet, saying, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight!'" 4 Now John himself had a garment of camel's hair, and a leather belt about his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea, and all the district around the Jordan; 6 and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.*

II. Change of _____.

Matthew 3:7-10 *But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore bring forth fruit in keeping with repentance; 9 and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you, that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 And the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.*

III. Change of _____.

Matthew 3:11-12 *"As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 And His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."*



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

Advent is a season of examination. It is a time to look at our lives and ask:

1. What needs to change in me? In my relationships? In my finances? In my Spiritual life? In my health?
2. What needs to change in my attitude? In the object of faith in my life?
3. How do I need to change to be prepared for the coming of God and God's plan for my life?
4. How do I need God to change me in order that I would be ready for what God wants of my life?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Todd about your relationship with Christ, please email pastortodd@thevineva.org to set up an appointment.