



## The Coming King: Advent Messages in Matthew's Gospel

### Prepare the Way of the Lord

*Matthew 3:1-12*

People know how to prepare for Christmas to remember Christ's birth. They set up a nativity scene at home. They hang ornaments of angels on their tree. They read an advent book together. But people may not know how to prepare for Christ's return. How do we prepare ourselves and others for the return of Christ?

1. [Message] God's people proclaim a message of repentance to prepare people for the coming of Christ (3:1-4)
2. [Response] People will respond to the message of repentance with acceptance or rejection (3:5-10)
3. [Consequence] The consequence of acceptance is a relationship with God while the consequence of rejection is eternal punishment (3:11-12)