



THE WAY OF JESUS

EASTER TEACHING SERIES

Part 1: Repentance

We often think we're ready for what God wants to do, but John the Baptist confronts us with a deeper truth: preparation begins with repentance. This message invites us to move beyond regret or good intentions into a decisive turning toward God, so we can be ready to receive the life and presence Jesus offers.

Discussion Questions

1. When you think about *“getting ready for what God has,”* what kinds of preparation come to mind from your own life—spiritually or otherwise?
2. In Matthew 11:7-11, how does Jesus describe John the Baptist? What images does he use, and what do these details reveal about John's character and calling?
3. In Mark 1:1-8, what stands out about how the “good news” is introduced and how John prepares the way? What is the significance of the wilderness, the Jordan River, and the act of baptism in this passage?
4. The message from Sunday highlighted repentance as a complete turning of life. Based on the verses we've read, how is repentance different from simply feeling bad, apologizing, or trying to improve behaviour? John tells people they are “not ready,” even though they already saw themselves as God's people. Where might we assume we're spiritually “fine” but actually need deeper repentance or reorientation?
5. Consider this quote: *“Repentance doesn't change God's heart toward us —it changes our hearts toward God.”* How does that reshape the way you think about repentance and God's posture toward you?

Moving Forward

What is one concrete area in your life right now (a relationship, habit, attitude, or priority) where repentance might look like a real turning rather than a small adjustment?

John's baptism prepared people for the coming of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. What might it look like for you this week to intentionally “get ready” for God's work in your life instead of just reacting to it?