



**Christ came to You,  
Have you come to Him?**

**“The Path to Jesus”**

**Matthew 3:1-17**



# John the Announcer



*The preacher of Repentance-v.1*

His message was simple - vs.2,3

His clothing was similar - v.4

His approach was shocking - v.7

**The purpose or end result was that men would come to Jesus and walk with God!**



# REPENT - v.2,8,11

Metanoeo = to change one's mind for better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one's past sins.

**Ac 3:19** **Repent** ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out,;

**Ac 8:22** **Repent** therefore of this thy wickedness,.

**Ac 17:30** but now commands all men every where to **repent**:

**Ac 26:20** that they should **repent** and turn to God, and do works meet for **repentance**.

# The GPS to God is **repentance**



## God and sin

1. Genesis 3:9 - Adam where are you?
2. Genesis 6:6 - it grieved Him in His heart
3. Isaiah 6:6 - Holy, Holy, Holy
4. Habakkuk 1:13 - can't look on
5. Revelation 21:27 - no liars

# 1. The Path of Repentance

1. Admission of Sin - v.6 Proverbs 28:13  
1 John 1:9
2. Anathema of sin - vs. 7& 8 Isaiah 1:16;  
55:7; John 8:11
3. Atonement of sin - v.14 John 1:29;  
Matthew 1:21



Notice verses 7-11  
1 John 1:9 Luke 18:11

## 2. The Picture of Repentance - v. 11

Baptism = Baptizo

to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk)

*John's Baptism had no cleansing power* - It was an outward display of an inward choice to put away sin!

Water baptism today = Romans 6

# Holy Spirit Baptism v. 11

**1 Corinthians 12:13 - We are placed “into the body of Christ” and indwelt by the Holy Spirit just as Jesus said. (John 14:16,17; 16:7-14)**

**Our sins are forgiven (Ephesians 1:7), We’ve put on the new man (2 Corinthians 5:17), have victory over sin (Romans 6)**

# 3. The Paradox of Repentance - vs. 12-17

*Jesus is my sin bearer*

Isaiah 53:6

Luke 23:40,41

2 Corinthians 5:21

Galatians 3:13

1 Peter 3:18

I should have been in the waters of John's baptism!

# The First step to God

Is repentance..

The continuing walk with God requires  
repentance..

God & sin don't go together; That's why the  
Savior Jesus came so we might be able to  
come to God and walk with Him.

# Remember

**Christ came to You,  
Have you come to Him?**

***Come now, let us argue this out," says the LORD. "No matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can remove it. I can make you as clean as freshly fallen snow. Even if you are stained as red as crimson, I can make you as white as wool. Isaiah 1:18***