Series: Born is the KING

**Sermon:** Preparing the way for the KING

Primary Text: Matthew 3:1-17

## Discussion guide:

- What does the word "must" mean?
- Read John 3:30,
  - Why does John say this "must" happen?
  - o How do you and I do this as well?
- Read Matthew 3:1-3,
  - What does it mean for us to "prepare the way" for Jesus?
- Read Matthew 3:4,
  - What does this tell you about John and the importance of his mission?
  - How can we become so concerned with the mission that the things of this world become an afterthought?
- Read Matthew 3:5-10,
  - What is John saying to the Pharisees?
  - What does it mean to repent?
  - How can we help people realize that they are not ok, they are in need of something more?
- Read Matthew 3:11-12,
  - Why does John say that he is not worthy to carry Jesus' sandles?
  - o How can we magnify Jesus?
- Read Matthew 3:13-17,
  - Why doesn't John want to baptize Jesus?
  - Do you ever use the "I'm unworthy" excuse to get out of serving Jesus?
    - What is wrong with this?