



# BEHOLD THE KING

MATTHEW



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John's ministry

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“In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea ...”

Matthew 3:1

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“For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight.”” Matthew 3:3

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“You yourselves bear me witness, that I said,  
‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent  
before him.’”

John 3:28

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“He must increase, but I must decrease.”

John 3:30



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“Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him ...”

Matthew 3:5

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“He [John] will go before him [the Messiah] in the spirit and power of Elijah ...” Luke 1:17

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“God is able from these stones to raise up  
children for Abraham.” (9)

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  - John exposed the **coming catastrophe**.

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The Messiah’s “winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” (12)

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“... unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

Luke 13:5

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  - Jesus' words to the church

“So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.”

Revelation 3:16-17

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- My doctrine is correct

- Israel was not okay.
- We're not okay.
- Jesus makes a way for us to **be okay**.



We “are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”

Romans 3:24-25a

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"and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins." Matthew 3:6

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- **Actions** - “bear fruit in keeping with repentance”

“Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”

Ephesians 4:28



“And Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham.’”

Luke 19:9

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!”

Matthew 23:37