



Scripture

Matthew 3:1-17

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The Beauty of the King, the Son of God

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I. John Announces the Kingdom has Come - 3:1-6

A. Identity of John - Forerunner of the Messiah

Malachi 3:1 -

Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

I. John Announces the Kingdom has Come - 3:1-6

A. Identity of John - Forerunner of the Messiah

Malachi 4:5 -

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

Matthew 11:14 -

If you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.

**I. John Announces
the Kingdom has Come - 3:1-6**

**B. Message of John -
The Kingdom of Heaven has Arrived**

**II. The Kingdom Culminates in
Salvation and Judgment - 3:7-12**

What separates the wheat from the chaff?

Three things:

1) Repent

2) Be Baptized

Ezekiel 36:25-29 -

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you.

What separates the wheat from the chaff?

Three things:

1) Repent

2) Be Baptized

3) Bear Fruit in Keeping with Repentance

III. Salvation Comes Through the Righteousness of Christ - 3:13-15

Jesus' baptism to fulfill all righteousness "seems to allude to the fact that he came to set right what Israel and Adam had done wrong; he was coming to successfully obey, in contrast to Israel's former disobedience, as well as that ultimately of Israel's progenitors, Adam and Noah... 'All righteousness' refers to Jesus' obedience to God's will and commandments throughout his ministry as the eschatological Adam and Israel, culminating with his obedience of suffering at the cross." ~ **Beale, NT Biblical Theology, 416**

III. Salvation Comes Through the Righteousness of Christ - 3:13-15

Matthew 1:21 -

“He shall save His people from their sins.”

John 1:29 -

“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.”

IV. Christ is the Anointed Son of God - 3:16-17

A. Demonstration

Isaiah 61:1 -

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

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B. Declaration

Psalm 2:6-7 -

“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.” I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”

Isaiah 42:1 -

Here is my Servant, whom I uphold, my Chosen One in whom I delight; I have put my Spirit upon Him.

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B. Declaration

“The Gospel, return from exile, the new creation, and the kingdom are different ways of describing the same reality...The kingdom is inaugurated in the ministry and person of the king, Jesus the Messiah...The transcendent rule of God has come to earth in Jesus Christ, fulfilling the promises of a new creation and a new exodus.”

~Schreiner, 447