The message of John the Baptist

# Matthew 3:1-12

1) John came peaching about repentance – Matthew 3:1-7

* Repentance is changing the way you think – 2 Corinthians 10:4-5
* Repentance is contrition, or feeling bad about sin – Acts 2:36-39,
* True repentance results in a change of lifestyle - 2 Corinthians 7:10-11
* True repentance cause one to acknowledge and confess their sins – Acts 19:18-20
* Repentance brings refreshing – Acts 3:19

2) Bring forth fruits worthy of repentance – Matthew 3:7-10

If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

* *So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him. Luke 5:11*
* Matthew left all and followed Jesus - Luke 5:27-32

3) Jesus wants to baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire – Matthew 3:11-12

* Fire purifies – Malachi 3:2-3
* Fire illuminates – Psalm 119:105
* Fire energizes – Romans 12:11