## "Preparing the Way"

Matthew 3:1-12

## The inescapable truth of every person's life is that we all bear fruit.

Two Types of People Sought John's Baptism

- For <u>Confession</u> of <u>Sins</u> (vv. 5-6)
- For <u>Concerns</u> of <u>Self</u> (vs. 7)

Nothing Makes Us **Special** on Our Own (vs. 9)

Romans 3:23; Philippians 3:4-8

Nothing Can Stop the Coming End (vs. 10)

Mark 1:15-19; Rev 22:20; Joel 2:30-32

Nothing Will Shelter Our Deeds During Judgement (vs. 12)

Isaiah 47:10-11; Malachi 3:2-3; Luke 8:17

"A tree can enjoy all kinds of external conditions that are ideal — moderate rains, ample sunlight, and good temperature ranges — but without being fed by rich nutrients in the soil, the fruit will not appear."

What kind of Fruit will you bear?