

ANTICIPATION, PART 2

CONFESS & REPENT

Matthew 3:1-12

God wants your heart to be like a hay-filled manger—soft and ready for Jesus.

OPEN your heart—God is coming to you!

God's first-century prophet announced it. (1, 2b, 4)

God's Old Testament prophets anticipated it. (3)

HUMBLE your heart—God is coming to rescue you from spiritual exile!

God's people confess their sins as they need to. (5-6a)

God's people repent of their sins as they need to. (2, 7-8)

God's people rely only on divine grace for their forgiveness of sins. (9)

SURRENDER your heart—God is coming to cleanse and purify you!

Water baptism is a grace-filled picture of divine cleansing. (6b, 11a)

Spirit baptism is the power-filled impartation of divine purification. (11b)

The absence of baptism is a jolting reminder of divine separation. (10, 12)