

**The Gospel**  
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In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” - **Mathew 3:1-2**

It is amazing to me that we are sometimes so quick to forget the very first word of the gospel of Christ; just one little word that we so often seem to cast off as unimportant or even worse as being of little or no consequence. Repent. Before we can begin to enjoy the goodness of the kingdom, the favors of our King and Brother, we must repent.

John came to prepare the way for Jesus; a voice crying in the wilderness. So what was Jesus message? What did our Savior have to say about the gospel? Mathew 4:17 - From that time Jesus began to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Let us consider our own lives when we hear the word from the Baptist and from our Master.