Perryton.

Intro. 1. Delight to be back. Relat. rich + warm.
Sharon. Release all right juices.
2. Matt. this weekend.
3. Begin at beginning.
Mtt 3:1-12.

The man

I Before Jesus, decent man, fro., a preacher, a prophet - stirred people - from peasant & kg.
1. Extremely popular. Jews, Judea, Jerusalem, Jord, Turkey, N. Africa.
2. Why? Appearance? Personality - rough garm, bread, prairie fire, outspoken
3. His courage? Fine raiment? Reed in wind? Best apple.
4. Kg'dom here + repenting. No recit. of history.
5. Repent. Demanding. Judgment. A reckoning.

II But simply put, best moment of the truth.
1. From hillcroft.
2. A moment of clarity, simplicity, power.
3. Maybe dramatic. Revere make up. Choking lady at ball.
4. Maybe be quiet. Home, car; must hear it.
5. Refuses to be ignored - busy; excuses (Adam; Cain; thorn bush; grade on curve; father ate sour grapes; the times; whole world wrong etc)
6. Set people at altar, before God. Diff. lights.

III They came.
a. Poor. They will. Tent + wheat field. Why not? Just must face truth.
Bitter + greedy.

b. Rich. why? Everything is nothing. Stale, flat, tasteless. Looking for market where life sold - friend, time, love, rain, God.

c. Phar's. why? Relig. Bks., synag's, scribes. all trappings. Sadness flow. -

d. Sadd's. why? Skeptics. Served tea. Tease young preachers. Palaces of doubt leaks — Shows of eternity.

Recall - Go where they went, do as they did, say what they said.
Insatiable appetite for approval.
One nite — hammer, nails.

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