

Lesson #12- Matthew Chapter 11 Questions for Discussion:

1. "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?"
 - a. Why do you think John the Baptist, the one that baptized Jesus, asks such a question?
 - b. How does Jesus react to John's question?

2. In verses 7-19, as John's disciples leave, Jesus turns His attention to the multitudes that have been watching and just observed this exchange.
- a. What does Jesus challenge concerning how they (the multitudes) had come out to John's baptism in the wilderness?
 - b. What does Jesus tell the crowds that they should have understood concerning John's purpose?
 - c. What do you think Jesus means when He says in verse 11, "Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."?
 - d. What do you think Jesus means in verse 12, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."?
 - e. How is John the Baptist Elias?
 - f. Discuss the comparisons Jesus makes in verses 16-19.

3. In verses 20-24 Jesus pronounces woes against the cities of Judea where He had done most of His mighty works.
 - a. What was Tyre and Sidon? Sodom?
 - b. Why will it be more tolerable for these far less “wicked” cities than for the cities where Jesus had ministered?

4. Considering verses 25-27:

- a. The masses of the people in the cities where Jesus preached the gospel refused to repent. Was Jesus a failure?
- b. What about when we share the gospel and people are indifferent to the message?
- c. In His prayer, Jesus says that He is thankful that the Father has hidden these things from the wise and prudent but revealed them (Himself) to babes. He goes even further and says that “for so it seemed good in thy sight”. What does this mean?
- d. [27] “All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.” Discuss this verse.

5. Discuss the wonderful invitation Jesus extends to all that come unto Him in verses 28-30.