

**Digging Deeper Study**  
**God's Kingdom Come – An Offensive Kingdom?**  
**Week of January 11, 2026**

**An Offensive Kingdom**  
**Matthew 11**

“In essentials, unity; (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)  
 in non-essentials, liberty; (Romans 14:1)  
 in all things, charity.” (John 13:34)

**Sermon QUOTE Statement:** Jesus offers all of us rest for our Souls, but we have a part to play in it! Will we bristle in our pride or in humility will we come to the savior?

**Opening Question:**

What do you think about C.S. Lewis's quote:

“In God you come up against something which is in every respect immeasurably superior to yourself. Unless you know God as that – and, therefore, know yourself as nothing in comparison – you do not know God at all. As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of Course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.”

11 After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee.  
<sup>2</sup>When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup>to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

<sup>4</sup>Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. <sup>6</sup>Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

<sup>7</sup>As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out

### **1. Read Matthew 11:1–6.**

- 1. Why is it surprising that John would ask whether or not Jesus is the one?**
- 2. Why isn’t it surprising that John would ask this?**
- 3. How could Jesus’ response be offensive to John?**
- 4. Why does Jesus give another beatitude here?**
- 5. How have we been tempted to stumble or be offended on account of Jesus?**

### **2. Read Matthew 11:7–15**

- 6. Why does Jesus reaffirm John? How can we be encouraged by this?**
- 7. Why is it important to recognize the violence against the kingdom of heaven?**

into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? <sup>8</sup>If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. <sup>9</sup>Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written:

“ ‘I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. <sup>14</sup>And if you

**8.** Jesus references Malachi 4:5 – speaking about Elijah. And Malachi 3:1. If John is spoken about in these verses – who would that make Jesus?

are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. <sup>15</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear.

<sup>16</sup> “To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

<sup>17</sup> “ ‘We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ <sup>19</sup> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

<sup>20</sup> Then Jesus began to denounce the towns in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup> “Woe to you,

### **3. Read Matthew 11:15–19**

9. Why does Jesus compare them to being like Children in this manner? What does that speak about our hearts?
10. Why is it important to understand that we will always have the ability to be offended? How does this speak towards the importance of faith?
11. Why does Jesus say that wisdom is proved right by her deeds?

### **4. Read Matthew 11:20–24**

12. Why is repentance so important?
13. Why does Jesus compare these people to Tyre, Sidon, and Sodom?
14. How does the mention of a coming judgement day effect us?

Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades. <sup>1</sup> For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little

### **5. Read Matthew 11:25–30**

- 15.** Why does God hide things from the “wise and learned”?
- 16.** Here little children are painted in a good light, why?
- 17.** how does vs 26 show us God’s sovereignty? Why is this good?
- 18.** Have you ever thought that Jesus is the one who shows us the Father – and without Jesus showing Him to us, we would not be able to know Him?
- 19.** How does this effect the way you share God with others?

children. <sup>26</sup>Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

<sup>27</sup> “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

**20.**Who does Jesus invite to Him?

**21.**Who are the one that will find rest for their souls?

**22.**Why is it important to see we have an action to take in coming to Jesus?

Take Prayer requests  
And close in Prayer