

Discussion Questions Matthew Chapter 11

1. What did John prophecy about the Messiah in Mat 3:11-12?
 - a. From Mat 14:3-4, where was John when he sent his disciples to Jesus and why was he there?
 - b. (Read Is 61:1 & Is 35:4-6; Mal 3:1-5) From these verses, what were some of the expectations for the coming Messiah?
 - c. From the two sections of scripture quoted above, what might have caused John to question if Jesus was truly the one to come?
2. What are the promises of the coming day of salvation found in the following verses?
 - a. Isaiah 29:18-19
 - b. Isaiah 35:5-6
 - c. Isaiah 42:18
 - d. Isaiah 61:1-3
 - e. How does Jesus' answer demonstrate the misinterpretation of the expectations for the Messiah?
 - f. How is it possible to hold together Jesus' utter frankness about the reality of judgment and his patience and compassion for those who are lost?
3. Why does Jesus say among those born of women there is no one greater than John the Baptist?
 - a. Considering what Jesus says about John the Baptist, why are those that are least in the Kingdom greater than John?
 - b. How does this understanding affect the lives of those who are in the Kingdom?

The Rejection of Jesus and His Message

4. Read Mat 11:16-19. Restate the meaning of these verses in your own words. What point is Jesus making regarding those who reject His message?

5. Read 11:20-24; Luke 10:13-15. *Tyre and Sidon were Gentile cities in Phoenicia and were often the object of condemnation by Old Testament prophets for their Baal worship and arrogant materialism.*
 - a. Why does Jesus say that it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for Chorazin and Bethsaida?

 - b. What does the rejection of Jesus' miraculous works demonstrate about the heart's attitude toward Christ and His message? (See Psalm 81:11-13)

 - c. When will the lack of belief and repentance be adjudicated?

6. Read Mat 11:25-30.
 - a. To whom does Jesus make his appeal and what does He promise?

 - b. To whom has God hidden and revealed the truths of the Kingdom?

 - c. What do these verses say about God's Sovereignty and Man's Responsibility?

 - d. (Personal) How do you respond to the Gospel freely offered to you in these verses?

7. From the study of Matthew so far, how would you describe the character of God revealed in Christ