

Matthew 11

King James Version (KJV)

11 And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities. (Teaching was Jesus' ministry)

² Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, (He sent them to learn from Jesus)

(John was in prison for teaching God's Word; not because he committed any crimes)

³ And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? (John knew Jesus was Messiah. He was asking – Is this the Advent? Or will there be a First Advent and a Second Advent?)

(I think John wanted to know if Jesus will make Himself known as the Messiah at this time or in the future)

See Zechariah-9:9 (First Advent – Jesus comes in humbly, on a colt, as a teacher)

& Zechariah-9:10 (Second Advent – Jesus will come in on a war horse; to rule as King of kings, Lord of lords)

⁴ Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: (Share what you learn here with John)

⁵ The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

⁶ And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

(Jesus' doctrine was different than what the people believed, because the priests had distorted the religion over the centuries. They had interjected the traditions of men throughout God's Word. So, many people thought that Jesus was a heretic; because He was teaching the truth of God's Word, unchanged)

⁷ And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed

shaken with the wind? (Truth teachers, like John, are not wishy-washy. The truth is absolute and does not change. John was a teacher of the truth. He never wavered)

⁸ But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

⁹ But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

¹⁰ For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. **Malachi-3:1 (That was John's ministry)**

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. **(We are greater in our spiritual bodies <in Heaven> than any flesh man)**

¹² And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. **(They try to, but their violence can't stop Christianity. The violence will be in heaven until Satan and his ilk are cast out)**

¹³ For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

¹⁴ And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come. **(John came in the spirit of Elias, not Elias re-incarnated. We all only live once. They didn't receive John. Instead, they beheaded him)**

NOTE: (Elijah will return as one of the two witnesses. He has not died yet. His teachings will return the children to the fathers – the Kenites to antichrist; the good Christians to God) Malachi-4:6

¹⁵ He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. **(Those who are spiritually awake)**

¹⁶ But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows, **(They were like teenagers hanging out at the mall)**

¹⁷ And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented. **(They don't know)**

the Word of God because they don't want to learn it. They prefer the pleasures and corruption of the world)

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil. (They tried to smear his reputation because he didn't subscribe to their false religion. John taught the truth – the Word of God; not the traditions of men)

¹⁹ The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children. (justified = vindicated) (True wisdom is knowing and living by the Word of God. They can't see that. Their wisdom is in the ways of the world)

NOTES: (John didn't eat great food or drink wine. Jesus ate great food and drank wine. They smeared both of them with different smears. It didn't really matter what Jesus or John ate and drank. The smears were because they both rejected the false religion of the chief priests. That's what made them an enemy)

(We see the same thing going on today. Teach the true Word of God; chapter by chapter; verse by verse; correctly translated and complete. The organized Christian denominations will call you a "right wing fundamentalist". The Muslims, atheists and communists will join them in smearing your character as well)

²⁰ Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: (Jesus chastised them for their love of their own ignorance. HE will chastise them again when He returns at the end of this Age. They had their chance to repent and chose to pass on it)

²¹ Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. (Even the heathen people of Tyre & Sidon would have repented had they seen the miracles that God performed for Israel. Yet the cities of Israel refused to repent)

²² But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. (They are innocent because Tyre & Sidon never even heard the Word of God nor saw His miracles. Israel witnessed the prophecies, written in God's Word, all coming true before their eyes. And through all of that, they still refused it)

²³ And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. (Sodom would have repented, and God would not have destroyed it)

²⁴ But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

²⁵ At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. (The truth is very simple and easy to understand if you open your mind, like babes. God's Word is common sense. Anyone who opens their minds and think for themselves can understand it)

(The wise and prudent of this verse are the wise and prudent in the ways of the world. The ways of the world have nothing to do with common sense. God doesn't bless people who choose to be fools)

²⁶ Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.

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. (These are the Elect)

(The Father and the Son are the same God, in two different forms – Jesus is "God with us") See Isaiah-7:14

(Jesus reveals the truth to the Elect, because they will have some work to do at the end of this Age. They were chosen during the First Age) see Ephesians-1:4

²⁸ Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (The labor is in learning and doing the Word of God. This word rest is the same word as refreshment in the Greek)

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (A yoke is put on animals in order to help them pull a wagon or a load more comfortably. It keeps the straps from digging and cutting into the hide of the animal that is doing the pulling)

³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (God makes our spiritual work easy. HE helps us to succeed, regardless of what the enemy throws at us)