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. (Jesus begins His public ministry)
- ²Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, (To learn from Jesus)
- 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 first advent, or will there be a second?) (I think John wanted to know if Jesus will make Himself known as the Messiah)

See Zechariah-9:9 (First Advent – Jesus comes in humbly on a colt as a teacher) & Zechariah-9:10 (Second Advent – Jesus comes 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 with John)
- ⁵The 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.
- ⁶And 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 and interjected the traditions of men throughout God's Word. Many thought Jesus was a heretic because He was teaching the truth of God's Word, unchanged)

- ⁷And 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 wishywashy; the truth is absolute and does not change. John was a teacher of the truth)
- 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 him. Instead, they beheaded him)
- ¹⁵ He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Spiritually awake)
- ¹⁶ But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows, (Like teenagers 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 of the world)
- ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil. (Because he didn't subscribe to their fake religion)
- 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 <u>justified</u> of her children. (justified= vindicated) (The true wisdom here, is knowing the Word of God. They can't see that. Their wisdom is in the ways of the world)

- ²⁰ Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: (Jesus will chastise them. They had their chance to repent and passed 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 of Tyre & Sidon would have repented had they seen the miracles that God performed for Israel, yet the cities of Israel refuse 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. (Because Tyre & Sidon never even heard the Word of God or saw His miracles; Israel witnessed God's Word and 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 <common sense>, if you open your mind, like babes)
- 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. (The Father and the Son are the same God, in two different forms Jesus is "God with us") (Jesus reveals the truth to the Elect, because they will have work to do. They were chosen in the First Age) Ephesians-1:4
- ²⁸ Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you <u>rest</u>. (Labor 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 to help them pull a wagon or a load more comfortably)
- ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (God makes our spiritual word easy)