

Behold Your King!

Studies in the Gospel of Matthew

The King Answers John and Issues a Call

Matthew 11

Lesson 7

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School

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The Gospel is Good News!

- ▶ Jesus is the Savior for the world
- ▶ He shall save His people from their sins – Matthew 1:21
- ▶ Make disciples of all nations – Matthew 28:18-20

Matthew – a transitional Gospel

- ▶ A new phase in God's plan
- ▶ Christ's life, death and resurrection
- ▶ The Old Covenant age – fulfilled not voided
- ▶ The character of the New Covenant age
- ▶ The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

The Kingdom of Heaven

- ▶ A promised kingdom
- ▶ A hidden kingdom
- ▶ A hybrid kingdom
- ▶ A holy kingdom

Matthew teaches the hidden kingdom

- ▶ The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)
- ▶ Kingdom parables (Matthew 13)
- ▶ The commissioning of the disciples (Matthew 10)
- ▶ John's question from prison (Matthew 11)

John the Baptist in Prison – Matthew 11

- ▶ John's question (11:1-6)
- ▶ John's example (11:7-15)
- ▶ John's world (11:16-24)
- ▶ John's Savior (25-30)

John's Question (11:1-6)

- ▶ After finishing instructing His disciples
- ▶ “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”
- ▶ Why did John ask?
 - John in prison
 - John's expectation
 - A question for the ages

Jesus gives 2 answers

- ▶ The testimony of Scripture
 - Isa. 35:3-6; 29:18–19; 61:1-2
- ▶ “Blessed is the one who is not offended at Me.”
 - Scandalized (*skandalizo*) – made to sin (Matt 5:29-30)
 - His ways – His sovereign will
 - The dominion of the curse
 - Blessing by faith – 1 Peter 1:7

John's example (11:7-15)

- ▶ Who is John?
 - Not a reed shaken by the wind
 - Not a man dressed in soft clothing
 - A prophet – a bearer of God's truth
 - More than a prophet – My messenger (Luke 1:13-17)
 - Greatest of those “born of woman”
 - Least of men in the Kingdom
- ▶ The Kingdom of Heaven has suffered violence
- ▶ He is Elijah who is to come
- ▶ “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

John's world (11:16-24)

- ▶ What is this generation like?
- ▶ Children playing games – no absolute standard
- ▶ John has a demon
- ▶ Jesus is a glutton and a drunkard
- ▶ Wisdom is justified in her children (deeds)

Woe to you . . . (10:20-24)

- ▶ Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum
- ▶ The mighty works of Jesus
- ▶ Better for Tyre and Sidon and Sodom
- ▶ Cursed is the one who is offended at Jesus!

John's Savior (10:25-30)

- ▶ Jesus prays for John . . . (Dan 2:20-23)
- ▶ Lord of heaven and earth (cf. Gen 14:19)
- ▶ Sovereign
- ▶ Wisdom
- ▶ Jesus is the Possessor of heaven and earth
- ▶ Come unto Me – all who labor and are heavy laden
- ▶ I will give you rest!

My Yoke Is Easy and My Burden Is Light

- ▶ John's circumstances not relieved
- ▶ We live in a hostile world – the curse of God
- ▶ Christ's wisdom is easy and light
- ▶ Blessed is the one who is not offended by Christ