

HAS CHRIST FAILED YOU? PART 2

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Matthew 11: 16-30



JESUS ANSWERS THE INDIVIDUAL

- 1 When Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.
- 2 Now when John, while imprisoned, heard of the works of Christ, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or shall we look for someone else?”

JESUS ANSWERS THE INDIVIDUAL

- 4 Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and report to John what you hear and see:
- 5 the blind receive 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.

JESUS ANSWERS THE INDIVIDUAL

- 6 And blessed is he who does not take offense at Me.”

JESUS ANSWERS THE SPECTATOR

- 7 As these men were going away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?”
- 8 But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ palaces! 9 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet.

JESUS ANSWERS THE SPECTATOR

- 10 This is the one about whom it is written,
- ‘Behold, I send **My Angel before your face,**
- Who will prepare Your way before You.’

JESUS ANSWERS THE SPECTATOR

- 11 Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! **Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven** is greater than he.

JESUS ANSWERS THE SPECTATOR

12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force. 13 For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to accept it, John himself is Elijah who was to come. 15 The one who has ears had better listen!

JESUS ANSWERS THE SKEPTIC

16 “To what should I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces who call out to one another,

17 ‘We played the flute for you, yet you did not dance; we wailed in mourning, yet you did not weep.’

JESUS ANSWERS THE SKEPTIC

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon!'

19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

JESUS ANSWERS THE SKEPTIC

20 Then Jesus began to criticize openly the cities in which he had done many of his miracles, because they did not repent. 21 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you! 23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be thrown down to Hades! For if the miracles done among you had been done in Sodom, it would have continued to this day. 24 But I tell you, it will be more bearable for the region of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you!”

JESUS ANSWERS THE SKEPTIC

“Lest any should raise thorny questions about the secret decrees of God, we must remember, that this discourse of our Lord is accommodated to the ordinary capacity of the human mind.” – John Calvin, Commentary on Matthew, Mark Luke

JESUS ANSWERS THE SKEPTIC

25 At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent, and have revealed them to little children. 26 Yes, Father, for this was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son decides to reveal him. 28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke on you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and my load is not hard to carry.”

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“Come to me, all you that need instruction, and learn in my school. Why do you admit that you are ignorant and do nothing about it? Here is what I say:

It costs nothing to be wise.

Put on the yoke, and be willing to learn. The opportunity is always near. Do your duty at the proper time, and the Lord, at the time He thinks proper, will give you your reward.”

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