

Matthew 11 - Go and Tell

▼ Review/Intro

- How do you take Jesus? Seriously. It's a matter of life or death.
- Reiterate Jewishness of writer and audience.
- Reiterate that Jesus is address "believers" already.

▼ 11:1-19 You guys aren't getting this

▼ 11:1-6

- 11:1 Again, Jesus leading by example.
- 11:2-3 one who is to come a Messianic title.

▼ 11:4-5

- Why would John ask this? Possible discouragement, expectations. Weak expectations make for weak followers and weak churches. Not that John was weak, but even he was off.

▼ The American church's teaching on who Jesus was, who Jesus is, and what He is going to do in the future has been so weak, it is no wonder things are the way they are.

- Jesus was the Creator. Genesis 1, John 1:1-4, Colossians 1:15-17. If He is the Creator, then He is the authority.
- Jesus is the redeemer. The Bible. If He is the redeemer, then there must be a need for redemption.
- Jesus will be the ruler. Psalms, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Jesus, Paul, John. If He will be the ruler, then that should effect every way in which we live right now.

▼ Messianic fulfillment. Messiah ben Joseph vs David.

- He either did or didn't do them, like Lincoln was either shot, or he wasn't.
- Our believing it doesn't change the fact, reality, and consequences of it.
- 7:6 In other words, "Blessed is he who doesn't bail on me because he thought I was like this when I'm actually like that."

▼ 11:7-15 This is where the "you guys just don't get it" comes in

- 11:7-9 Did you guys go out to see some kind of show? You saw and heard a prophet. But not just any prophet.
- 11:10-11 A transition of eras.
- 11:12 The idea is that people are taking what they want from the preaching and the miracles. Like people in the stores on Black Friday. "You guys aren't getting this." So much like today!
- 11:13-15 JTB closes out the OT. He is like Elijah who is to come back and do the same kind of things for Messiah ban David.

▼ 11:16-19

- In other words, it doesn't matter what we do, you are still going to find fault.
- The message doesn't conform to us, we conform to the message.
- In other words, we'll see in the end. Speaking of which...

▼ 11:20-24

- 11:20-22 We don't have a record Jesus working in these cities. But they would have known.
- 11:23-24 Jesus' HQ was in Capernaum.
- Miracles aren't enough to believe, but they can help. The thing is that to keep believing you need continual miracles. Your relationship isn't with Jesus, it's with a show.
- Jesus' point here is that you will be accountable to what you know. More light, more accountability.

▼ 11:25-30 Well then, what do we do?!

- 11:25-26 A stumbling block to the Jews, foolishness to the Gentiles. Simplicity like a child. The deep things are in the simple things. Revealed.
- 11:27 Don't isolate, see it in the flow. Revealed. God isn't hiding, He's revealing. Revealing what? How to connect with Him!

▼ 11:28-30

- Come to me - justification.
- Take my yoke - ongoing sanctification. Whose yoke?
- gentle and lowly - not traits the world looks for

▼ rest, easy, light in light of ch. 10?

- The thing about the gospel is that it seems like you have to work at not working to earn God's love and approval.

- Our tendency as humans is to want peace with the world and conflict with God. In Jesus we have the opposite; peace with God, conflict with the world.

▼ The Lord sends us out as ambassadors, peace envoys to this world that is at war with Him.

▼ WW2 experience

- Family standing on deck of USS Missouri where Japan surrendered. This instrument of violence that brought peace.

- National sense of joy, relief, and peace. Some of you were there! Powerful feeling.

▼ Jesus experience

- Jesus was an instrument of violence. He was put to death because of our sin, yet that action brings the potential for peace between God and man.

- The most powerful moment of joy, relief, and peace is when one realizes they are a sinner and that their sin has been forgiven.

- Have you had that? Have you lost that?

▼ Wrap

- The answer is the same as if you were a new or a non believer - come to Me.

- Jesus' words to Ephesus, **repent, remember, repeat.**

- Then, **go and tell.**

- The church needs to hear this today, we need to hear this today, because we have lost sight of the main thing and tried to make it our own thing. It has made us weak.

- The world needs to hear this today, because it is lost, it is dying, it is at war with God. He has made the peace offering and we are His messengers.

- Go and tell Jesus' message of come to Me.