



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 11:1-24” on October 4th

CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed from Matthew 10:24-42 affect your week?

DISCOVER: MATTHEW 11:1-24

What did the passage say or did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage/did this sermon point us to Jesus or teach us about Jesus?

MATTHEW 11:1-6 - John the Baptist heard from prison what Jesus was doing and began having doubts whether Jesus was truly the Messiah. He sent his disciples to Jesus to ask “Are You the one, or should we expect someone else?”

- Why would John the Baptist have doubted that Jesus was the Messiah he had been preparing the people for?
- When have you had an expectation of Jesus that wasn't met? Did that cause you to doubt His power and authority?
- Jesus answered John using words from Isaiah. How passionately do we seek God's truth in the Scriptures when we are experiencing doubts?

MATTHEW 11:7-15 - Jesus defended John's doubts. Jesus defends our doubts as well!

- In what ways did Jesus defend John's doubts?
- Discuss vs. 11 - How can John be greater than anyone born of women yet the least in the coming kingdom of heaven will be greater than he?
- Describe different ways of looking at verse 12 regarding the kingdom of heaven forcefully advancing. What can we learn from this verse?
- Even though John the Baptist doubted, Jesus proclaimed his greatness; how does that encourage you when you are experiencing doubt?

MATTHEW 11:16-19 - Jesus and John brought the same message of repentance in very different ways, yet that generation still failed to repent and change their lives in surrender to Jesus.

- What keeps people today from changing their lives in repentance and surrender to Jesus?

MATTHEW 11:20-24 - Jesus denounced cities where His mighty works were done but people still did not repent. He warned that on the Day of Judgment, those cities would be regarded as worse than Old Testament examples of cities filled with wickedness.

Repentance leads to forgiveness and freedom, but rejection leads to judgment.

- How is our world today like the cities Jesus was warning, despite over 2000 more years of history, mighty works, and testimonies to the power of Jesus? How concerned are people today about a Day of Judgment?
- What expectations of God do you have of how He will save you or provide for you? Are they true or false expectations?



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LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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“Matthew 10:24-42” on September 27th

RESPOND

False expectations steal our joy when they lead to disappointment and doubt. How can you test the truth of your expectations or help a friend who is struggling with false expectations?

Jason’s last statement in this week’s sermon went something like this: “The more I know Him, the less I doubt Him, but even when I doubt Him, He sympathizes with my weakness and defends me.” How will that statement challenge you to draw nearer to Jesus this week?

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you as you watch CU Church online next week?

PRAY

Praying for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.