

KINGDOM COME

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Called & Unrepentant

All Bible verses are in the *English Standard Version (ESV)* unless otherwise indicated

- John The Baptist was said to have a demon.
- JC was called a drunk & glutton.

Matthew 11:20 Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent.

- Jesus has mostly ministered around the Sea of Galilee
- Capernaum was his base
- Likely lived in Peter's house
- Even with all these things he's done, they didn't repent
- The message Jesus preached was (Matthew 4:17) "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- Repent – involves regret & sorrow for unbelief and sin and turning from them to God and the Gospel.

Matthew 11:21-22 21 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works 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 on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

- Chorazin & Bethsaida were near by towns to Capernaum.
- People would have come from there but its likely Jesus went there as well.
- Jesus is grieved by them.
- Tyre and Sidon are port cities located in modern Lebanon on the Mediterranean coast.
- Gentile Cities
- Jezebel was Sidonian (1 Kings 16:31)
- Elijah raised the widows son from the dead in a Sidonian city (1 Kings 17, Luke 4:25-26)
- Both cities aided Solomon with building the temple (1 Kings 5)
- Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Joel and others prophesied their destruction
- At various times they were enemies of Israel

- Sackcloth – clothing outward sign of inward repentance.
- Ashes – guilt, mortality, judgment deserved. I have nothing to bring but repentance.

Matthew 11:23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

- Jesus references Isaiah 14. It is a taunt at the king of Babylon.
- He said he would ascend to heaven and become God.
- Story mimics Satan's fall.
- Babylon was seen as the epitome of evil and wickedness.
- Just as Babylon was high and mighty but was destroyed, humbled and brought down, so will Capernaum.
- Even Sodom, considered the city of sin, would've repented and remained.
- All of these cities are in ruins today.

Matthew 11:24 But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.

- “More tolerable” – degrees of judgment.
- Responsibility increases with revelation.
- When tolerance is mentioned in the bible its always in the negative.
- Tolerance is the counterfeit of repentance.
- Jesus did miracles as a prophetic sign that a greater power had come.
- Matthew 4:15-16 & Isaiah 9:2 **The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.**
- **Isaiah 61:1** The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
- Luke 4 – today it is fulfilled in your hearing.
- **Colossians 3:15** He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Luke 4:16 “The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”