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A Brief Study on What Jesus Said About the Kingdom

Matthew 11, 12, Hosea 6

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- Matthew 11:1-6
 - John imprisoned;
- Matthew 11:7-15
 - John was a prophet
 - Fulfilled the calling of Elijah
 - Kingdom is being taken by force
 - Luke 16:16 clarifies it is the message of the kingdom, not the kingdom itself
 - He warns them not to disregard/reject His words
- Matthew 11:16-19
 - The people have rejected John and Jesus
- Matthew 11:20-24
 - 3 cities listed as being rejected because they did not repent
 - Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum
 - This is the beginning of the closing door on Israel
 - In the judgment, Tyre, Sidon, and Sodom will fare better than these three
- Matthew 11:25-27
 - Truth hidden from wise and intelligent
 - Made available to “infants”
 - Hinting at the gentiles being the ignorant
- Matthew 11:28-30
 - Jeremiah 6:16 is referenced to provide rest for those who are tired of trying to gain righteousness on their own
 - A comforting thought for those who are tired
 - A call to the Pharisees to self-examine
- Matthew 12:1-8
 - Jesus appears to break the Sabbath law by picking grain
 - He illustrates grace in the law by using David and his men when they ate the showbread (only the priests could eat)
- Hosea 5:15-6:7
 - The Lord will hide Himself from them until they repent
 - They do very flippantly and the Lord sees through their façade as He says their loyalty is as a morning cloud or dew in the morning
 - Loyalty in Hebrew is *hesed* and is most often translated as mercy, lovingkindness, and goodness
 - God delights in *hesed* than sacrifice and knowledge more than burnt offerings