



MATTHEW

The Prophecy Fulfilled

Following Jesus...



- John had questions... us too! (ch. 11)
 - Jesus did things he did not expect or hope for...
 - Receiving Jesus is more than just a sinner's prayer...
 - Taking up our cross is not popular teaching...
 - “blessed is he who keeps from stumbling over Me” (vs.6)
 - *skandalizo*

JB's greatness



- When the disciples left...
- What did you go to see?
 - Reed in the wind ~ weak, pliable, easily broken?
 - Man in soft clothing ~ Herod, whom they hated!
 - A prophet? Yes and more! Mal 3:1 fulfillment...
 - None greater than JB, least in the Kingdom is greater?

JB and us



- John was the last of the OT prophets...
- We stand in the New Covenant...
- HS and the Kingdom of God...
- Vs. 12 – violent! Overthrow of?
- If you can accept it – Elijah! Which makes Jesus...

This generation...



- Childish (16-19)
 - You should listen to us? Do what we want...
 - John was ascetic ~ no wine, fancy food = demon?
 - Son of Man eats and drinks = glutton, friend of sinners!
 - Wisdom is shown thru the “outcome/offspring”
 - God’s plan has better outcomes!

Woe to you!



- Cities of miracles ~ Galilee ministry
 - Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum - most powerful works!
 - These miracles did not lead to revivals!
 - Tyre and Sidon, philistine cities... enemies
 - Do we change when God does something for us?
 - Sodom? (23) Hades??

And Jesus prayed...



- *Vs. 25* –

- I praise You Father, Lord of Heaven and earth!
- You hide and you reveal!
- Wise/intelligent or babes?
- Father/Son intimacy – Son reveals, same word!

And Jesus promised....



- *Vs. 28* –
 - Come to Me: weary, burdened – I give rest!
 - Take my yoke – walk with Me willingly...
 - Learn from me – gentle, humble – rest for your souls
 - Yoke is easy, burden light
 - Come, Take, Learn – imperative...