



THE GOSPEL OF  
MATTHEW



# Dissatisfied with Christ

Matthew 11:16–19



## Matthew 11:16–17

<sup>16</sup> “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

<sup>17</sup> ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’”



## Matthew 11:18–19

<sup>18</sup> “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ <sup>19</sup> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”



## The Parable (11:16–17)

<sup>16</sup> “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

<sup>17</sup> ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’”



## 1. Repentance is too hard and humbling (11:18)

<sup>18</sup> “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’”



## Matthew 3:2

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”



## 2. Grace is too free and joyful (11:19)

<sup>19</sup> “The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”





## Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”



## Deuteronomy 21:20–21

<sup>20</sup> ...and they shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a **glutton and a drunkard.**’ <sup>21</sup> Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones.



## Luke 15:1–2

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”



## Luke 19:5–7

<sup>5</sup> And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup> So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. <sup>7</sup> And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.”



## Matthew 9:10–13

<sup>10</sup> And as Jesus reclined at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> ... For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”



## 2. Grace is too free and joyful (11:19)

<sup>19</sup> “The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ **Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.**”



# Practical Applications



## Practical Applications

1. Beware of choosing teachers based on your own preferences.





## Practical Applications

1. Beware of choosing teachers based on your own preferences.
2. A hard heart misses God's gifts because it only sees the worst.



## Practical Applications

1. Beware of choosing teachers based on your own preferences.
2. A hard heart misses God's gifts because it only sees the worst.
3. Don't be a critical church-hopper who's never satisfied.



## Practical Applications

1. Beware of choosing teachers based on your own preferences.
2. A hard heart misses God's gifts because it only sees the worst.
3. Don't be a critical church-hopper who's never satisfied.
4. Christian workers should expect to be slandered for their virtues.



## Practical Applications

1. Beware of choosing teachers based on your own preferences.
2. A hard heart misses God's gifts because it only sees the worst.
3. Don't be a critical church-hopper who's never satisfied.
4. Christian workers should expect to be slandered for their virtues.
5. Expect many creative justifications for resisting the gospel.



## Practical Applications

1. Beware of choosing teachers based on your own preferences.
2. A hard heart misses God's gifts because it only sees the worst.
3. Don't be a critical church-hopper who's never satisfied.
4. Christian workers should expect to be slandered for their virtues.
5. Expect many creative justifications for resisting the gospel.
6. Don't try to give the world what it wants.



## Practical Applications

1. Beware of choosing teachers based on your own preferences.
2. A hard heart misses God's gifts because it only sees the worst.
3. Don't be a critical church-hopper who's never satisfied.
4. Christian workers should expect to be slandered for their virtues.
5. Expect many creative justifications for resisting the gospel.
6. Don't try to give the world what it wants.
7. Beware of attractional approaches to church.



## Practical Applications

1. Beware of choosing teachers based on your own preferences.
2. A hard heart misses God's gifts because it only sees the worst.
3. Don't be a critical church-hopper who's never satisfied.
4. Christian workers should expect to be slandered for their virtues.
5. Expect many creative justifications for resisting the gospel.
6. Don't try to give the world what it wants.
7. Beware of attractional approaches to church.
8. Don't let pride keep you from repentance and free grace.



THE GOSPEL OF  
MATTHEW