

MATTHEW – LESSON SEVEN

- I. JESUS GIVES TESTIMONY FOR JOHN AND REBUKES DISBELIEVERS (Chapter 11).
 - A. John sends messengers from prison to ask Jesus: “Art thou He, or should we look for another” (v.1-6).
 1. Jesus’ answer: Jesus’ miraculous signs are fulfilling prophecy
 2. Jesus offers blessing for those who will not be offended in Him.
 - B. Jesus provides true estimate of John (7-15).
 1. John admired for his strong defense of truth.
 2. John’s mission is the basis for him being greater than a prophet.
 3. John is the Elijah that was prophesied to come: therefore the Kingdom is near.
 - C. Jesus exposes the childishness of those opposed to John and Him (v.16-19).
 - D. Jesus rebukes the cities of unbelieving people (v.20-24).
 - E. Jesus offers thanksgiving to the Father (v.25-26).
 - F. Jesus’ invitation to those laboring under sin (v. 27-30).

QUESTIONS:

1. Why did John send messengers to Jesus and not come to him in person?
2. Why is John asking questions concerning the identity of Jesus when he himself pointed out his identity in the beginning (cf. John 1:29,36)
3. What did Jesus offer for an answer to John’s question?
4. How could one ever be offended in Jesus?
5. How did Jesus contrast John with those who are swayed by public opinion and are accustomed to self-indulgence?

6. What is behind Jesus' statement that John is *more* than a prophet, and *greater* than all prophets before him?
7. Who is greater than John?
How?
8. How was the kingdom of heaven suffering *violence*, and being taken by *force*?
9. Jesus said the John was _____ who was to come?
10. Was the kingdom of God established in the days of John the Baptist?
11. How were those opposed to John and Jesus acting "childish"?
12. What does Jesus mean by saying, "But wisdom is justified of her children"?
13. What did Jesus expect to occur when people saw his miraculous works?
14. What *divine principle* lies behind Jesus' saying that in the judgment, it will be more tolerable for those who lived in Sodom than those living in Capernaum in the days of Christ?
15. Why did Jesus offer thanks to the Father?
16. What *three ways* does Jesus connect Himself with the Father?
17. How do people find rest for their souls in response to Jesus' invitation?