

Matthew 11:1-19 - Unmet Expectations

This morning we will look at three questions...

1)Are you the one? Vs.1-6 2)What did you expect? Vs.7-15 3)What do you really want? Vs.16-19

Matthew – "Why J<u>esus?"</u>

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Question 1: Are you the one? (Vs.1-6) How do we explain John's doubts?

John's expectations of Jesus were not being met.
John expected immediate judgment.
John is facing emotional, physical and an intellectual toll.

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Question 1: Are you the one? (Vs.1-6) Jesus responds to the expectations...

Blind receive sight (Isa 29:18; 42:18; 35:5)
Lame walk (Isa 35:6)
Lepers are being cleansed (Isa 53:4)
Deaf hear (Isa 29:18; 35:5; 42:18)
Dead are being raised (Isa 26:19)
Poor hear the good news of salvation (Isa 61:1)

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<u>Question 2: What did you expect? (Vs.7-15)</u> Jesus addresses the crowd's wrongful expectations about John...

1)We are now living in the age of fulfillment!2)We participate in the blessings of the Kingdom!3)We are seen as greater than even John!

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Malachi 3:1 "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

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<u>Question 3: What do you really want? (Vs.16-19)</u> Jesus addresses the generation's expectations about both He and John...

1) If Jesus is God, He can lay absolute claim to our very lives.2) Nobody wanted a vulnerable king.3) It's not about fairness, it's about mercy!

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♦In Messiah-Jesus, we have the...

- ✓ Daily amazement for all that God has done for us
- ✓ Peace in our struggles (No fear living)
- ✓ Overflowing gratitude
- ✓ Know the grace and mercy of Christ in our doubts
- ✓ Knowing His direction is good and perfect and redeeming the broken

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John 6:68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life...

•Is that enough for you?