

MATTHEW 11; July 31; Jesus and John the Baptist

ANALYSIS:

1. What was Jesus' answer when John asked, "Art thou he that should come?" \_\_\_\_\_

2. In what different ways did Jesus honor John the Baptist?  
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3. Why did Jesus upbraid the cities where He did many miracles?  
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4. For what did Jesus thank the Father in heaven?  
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5. How can a person find rest unto his soul? \_\_\_\_\_  
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THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Would Jesus offend you if He allowed you to be put into prison? John the Baptist had faithfully served as the announcer of Jesus the Christ. He had rebuked Herod for his immoral life (Mt 14:3). Herod had imprisoned him. John sends to Jesus asking for reassurance that He was the One that should come. What an answer John received! Multiple miracles, including raising the dead, confirmed that Jesus was the Christ -- Emmanuel -- God with us! Jesus promised blessing on whosoever shall not be offended by the way He does things.

The LORD'S ways and thoughts are far above our ways and thoughts (Is 55:8-9). Let us decide right now to always trust and obey the Lord, no matter what challenge we face. Let us say with Job, "Thought he slay me, yet will I trust him" (Job 13:15a).

HELP:

1. Go and show John what you see and hear: miracles of all kinds, and the gospel preached to the poor (vs 3-6).

2. A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet; my messenger; there is none greater than John the Baptist; this is Elias (Elijah: Mal 4:5-6).

3. Because they repented not (v 20).

4. For hiding spiritual understanding from the wise (in their personal opinion), and revealing it to babes (v 25).

5. By coming to Jesus, taking His yoke upon himself, and learning of Him (vs 28-30).