

JESUS TAKES OVER JOHN THE BAPTIST'S MINISTRY

Matthew 11:1-19

Key Verses: 11:4-6

"Jesus replied, Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verses 1-3. Where was John the Baptist? Why? (14:3) What was Jesus doing? Why did John send his disciples to Jesus?
2. Read verses 4-6. How did Jesus answer John's question? What did Jesus answer mean? What did it mean to John? Why did he answer like this?
3. Read verses 7-10. What did Jesus remind the crowd about John? What was John's mission? Why was it so important?
4. Read verses 11-15. What did Jesus teach about John's greatness? Who is truly great? What does this mean? How was the kingdom advancing forcefully? In what way was John a forceful man?
5. Read verses 15-19. How did Jesus see the people of his time? How did the people criticize both Jesus and John? How does this children's game reveal the crowds indifference and lack of interest in truth?