

Matthew 11:1-19
The Kingdom's Preachers Rejected

- I. Jesus identifies himself through his works.
 - A. Jesus answers for the sake of John's disciples. [John 1:15, 27]
 - B. The evidence of the miracles. [John 5:36; Isaiah 35:5; 61:1]
 - C. The evidence of the preaching.
 - D. Blessed is he who is not offended because of Christ. [Isaiah 8:14; Luke 2:34; 1Peter 2:8]

- II. Jesus identifies John by his office.
 - A. Question and answer: who did you think John was?
 - B. More than a prophet!
 - C. The testimony of Scripture. [Malachi 3:1; Exodus 23:20; Matt 3:3; John 1:23]
 - D. The testimony of his office.

- III. Jesus rebukes the crowd for not believing.
 - A. The kingdom is assaulted. [Matt 11:12; Luke 16:16; Matt 13:19]
 - B. No dancing, no mourning...
 - C. Offended and deaf.

- IV. Wisdom is justified by her own children. [Luke 7:35]
 - A. The Lord knows who are his own. [1Cor 1:24, 25]
 - B. Unbelieving people cannot stop the work of God. [1Cor 1:21]
 - C. Persecution cannot stop the work of God. [Romans 11:33]
 - D. Hear the answers to your questions so that you may have confidence in Christ.
 1. The miracles of Christ were not a show, nor were they exaggerated stories by the early church. They testify that Jesus is the Son of God. [John 10:37-38]
 2. The preaching of the gospel may be rejected by the powerful and wise, but the poor are drawn to hope in Christ. [1Cor 1:26-29]
 3. Consider God's careful fulfillment of his Word. No other account in history can make the claims that the Bible makes: God speaks, generations later he acts in accordance with his Word.
 4. Take to heart Christ's warning not to be like fickle children. Hear and believe.
 5. Jesus is a friend of tax collectors and sinners. There is hope for all who turn to him in faith.