

**INTERMEDIATE SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**  
**Text: Matthew 11**  
**Subject: A query from John the Baptist**

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<sup>1</sup> *Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.*

<sup>2</sup> *And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples*

<sup>3</sup> *and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"*

<sup>4</sup> *Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see:*

<sup>5</sup> *The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.*

<sup>6</sup> *And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."*

*Matthew 11:1-6*

1. Instruction of the Disciples

- a) This was captured in Matthew 10
- b) This was noted as "Commanding His twelve disciples"

2. The ministry of the Lord Jesus

- a) To teach
- b) To preach the gospel
- c) In the cities

3. A query from John the Baptist

- a) John was imprisoned by Herod Antipas
- b) He still had faithful disciples
- c) He sent 2 of his disciples to raise this question to the Lord Jesus

*"Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" Matthew 11:3*

4. Why was this question raised up?

- a) John was languishing in prison
- b) He had proclaimed the Lord Jesus as the Lamb of God
- c) He knew the Lord Jesus as the Son of God
- d) But being in prison:
  - i) Doubts arose
  - ii) Faith was shaken somewhat

#### 5. John the Baptist and his ministry

- a) He had been strong
- b) He had been successful
- c) He had been faithful
- d) But doubts still came

#### 6. The answer of the Lord Jesus Christ

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- a) The disciples were told to tell John what they saw
- b) The ministry of the Lord Jesus
  - i) Mighty
  - ii) Miracles were performed
  - iii) Meaningful confirmation of the Ministry of the Lord Jesus

#### 7. A word of encouragement to John the Baptist

- a) To stay "blessed"
- b) To not become "stumbled" because of the Lord Jesus

c) The sign-miracles must help John to continue:

i) To trust

ii) To fight doubts

iii) To avoid being stumbled (“offended”)

## **CONCLUSION**

1. Deal with doubts when they come up

2. Determine not to be stumbled

3. Dare to exercise even greater trust in the Lord when facing problems in life