

Responding to the King Matthew 11-12

I. Honest Doubt – 11:1-15

1. John's question – 1-3
He is in prison
"Are you really the Messiah?"
2. Jesus' answer – 4-6
Report to John what has happened
Tell him about the miracles you have seen
Tell him about the messages you have heard
Don't be offended by my kingdom
3. Jesus' support of John's ministry – 7-15
He is the promised prophet (Elijah)

II. Dissatisfaction – 11:16-24

1. Kingdom didn't fit expectations – 16-19
Like little children who want their way
John didn't fit their expectations – 18
Jesus didn't fit their expectations - 19
2. His miracles did not convince – 20-21
What they saw did not bring repentance
3. Their judgment will be greater – 22-24
Judgment increases with more light

III. Faith – 25-30

1. God reveals truth to humble faith – 25-27
Even those with child-like faith
Revelation comes through faith in Christ
2. Jesus invites needy to come to Him – 28-30
Those who need rest
Joined with Him they will find rest
He provides release from burdens

IV. Conflict – 12:1-14

1. Charge: Misuse of the Sabbath – 1-8
Disciples harvesting grain on Sabbath – 1-2
Violation of Pharisees rules
Jesus uses David's example – 3-4
Priests work in Temple on Sabbath – 5-6
He is the Lord of the Sabbath – 7-8
Mercy may take priority to sacrifice
2. Healing on the Sabbath – 9-14
Jesus shows how mercy is a priority – 9-13
Pharisees sought a way to destroy Jesus - 14

V. New Direction – 12:15-21

1. Jesus moves on – 15
Not out of fear – He knows His time
As He told His disciples in Matt. 10:14
2. God will reach out to Gentiles – 16-21

As prophesied in Isaiah 42:1-4
The Gentiles will come to faith in Christ

VI. Rejection – 12:22-42

1. Jesus casts out a demon – 22
Delivers a man who is blind and mute
2. Many people say He is Messiah – 23
3. But Pharisees link Him to Satan – 24
He does miracles by Satan's power
4. Jesus reasons with them – 25-30
A kingdom divided within cannot stand
If I work by God's power it is a sign of His kingdom
To take from a strong man you must bind him first
5. Your rejection will condemn you – 31-32
You are attributing God's work to Satan
In doing so you condemn yourself
6. What you say reveals your heart – 33-37
Fruit reveals the nature of the tree – 33
A man's words reveal his heart – 34-35
Your own words will condemn you – 36-37
7. Rejection brings judgment – 38-42
Scribes ask for a special sign – 38
Jesus has already given them many signs
Ultimate sign will be His resurrection – 39-40
God's judgment will be greater – 41-42
Because Jesus is greater than Jonah
Because Jesus is greater than Solomon

VII. Radical Transformation – 12:43-50

Christ came to bring total change

1. Not just to clean up the old – 43-45
Man gets delivered from a demon
He cleans his old house & moves back in
In doing so he takes in 7 other demons
Things end up worse than they were
2. Like becoming part of a new family – 46-50
There is a natural family into which we are born
God makes us a part of His family spiritually
Together we live to do the will of our Father