

^{11.1} And it happened when Jesus finished commanding his twelve learners that he went away from there to teach and proclaim in their cities. ² And John, after hearing in prison of the works of Christ and sending-word through his learners, ³ said to Jesus,

“Are you the one who is coming or should we expect a different one?”

⁴ And answering, Jesus said to them,

“Go report to John the things you are hearing and seeing! ⁵ The blind are looking-up, the lame are walking-around, the lepers are being cleansed, the deaf are hearing, the dead are being raised, and the poor are being given the Gospel. ⁶ And privileged is whoever might not be scandalized by me.”

⁷ And while these learners were going, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John,

“What did you come out into the wilderness to look at? A branch being shaken by the wind? ⁸ But what did you come out to see? A human clothed in soft things? Look, those dressed in soft things are in the houses of kings! ⁹ But what did you come out to see? A prophet? Yes, I am saying to you, and even more than a prophet! ¹⁰ For this is the one about which it was written, ‘*Look, I am sending my messenger before your face who will prepare your Way before you.*’ ¹¹ Amen, I am saying to you, there has not arisen among those born of women one greater than John the Baptizer. But the least in the Kingdom of the Heavens is greater than him!

¹² And from the days of John the Baptizer until now, the Kingdom of the Heavens has suffered-violence and the violent are attacking it. ¹³ For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. ¹⁴ And if you want to receive it, then he is Elijah, the one about to come. ¹⁵ Whoever has ears must listen! ¹⁶ And what will this generation be like? It is like servant-children, sitting in the markets, calling-out to others, ¹⁷ saying, ‘We played-flutes for you and you did not dance! We mourned and you did not cut yourselves!’ ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking and they are saying he has a demon. ¹⁹ The Son of Humanity came eating and drinking and they are saying, ‘Look, a glutton and a wine-drinker! A friend of tax-collectors and the separated!’ But wisdom is made-right by her works.”

²⁰ Then he began to criticize the cities in which most of his powers had happened, because they did not change-their-mind.

²¹ “Condemned are you, Chorazin! Condemned are you Bethsaida! Because if the powers had happened in Tyre and Sidon that have happened in you, then long-ago they would have changed-their-minds in sackcloth and ashes! ²² Moreover I am saying to you, it will be more endurable for Tyre and Sidon on the Day of Judgment than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, you will not be lifted up to heaven, you will be thrown down to Hades! Because if the powers which happened in you had happened in Sodom, then it would still be here today! ²⁴ Moreover I am saying to you that it will be more endurable for the land of Sodom on the Day of Judgment than for you!”

²⁵ In that season, after answering, Jesus said,

“I am confessing to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you hid these things from the wise and intelligent and uncovered them to infants. ²⁶ Yes, Father, because this good-will happened before you. ²⁷ All things have been given by my Father to me. And no one is knowing the Son except the Father. And no one is knowing the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son is wanting to uncover him.

²⁸ Come to me all who are working-hard and who are burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take up my yoke upon you and learn from me because I am lowly and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is kind and my burden is light.”

^{12.1} In that season, Jesus journeyed on the Sabbaths through the seeded-fields. His learners were hungry and they began to pick the stalks-of-grain and eat. ² But after the Pharisees saw, they said to him,

“Look! Your learners are doing what is not correct to do on the Sabbath!”

³ But he said to them,

“Have you not read what David did when he and those with him hungered? ⁴ How he entered the house of the Creator and ate the breads of the presence? It was not correct for him to eat nor for those with him, except for the priests only. ⁵ Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbaths the priests in the temple throw-aside the Sabbath and are innocent? ⁶ And I am saying to you that something greater than the temple is here! ⁷ And if you had known what this is, ‘*I am wanting mercy and not a sacrificial-victim,*’ then you would not have judged-against the innocent. ⁸ For the Lord of the Sabbath is the Son of Humanity.”

⁹ And after going away from there, he came into their synagogue. ¹⁰ And look, a human having a withered hand was there. And they asked him, saying,

“Is it correct on the Sabbaths to heal?”

So that they might accuse him. ¹¹ And he said to them,

“What human among you, who has one sheep that has fallen on the Sabbaths into a pit, would not grab it and raise it out? ¹² Therefore how much is a human carrying a sheep? So then, it is correct on the Sabbaths to do what is beautiful!”

¹³ Then he is saying to the human,

“Stretch out your hand.”

And he stretched it out and it was restored to health like the other. ¹⁴ And after the Pharisees went out, they took counsel against him so that they might destroy him. ¹⁵ And after Jesus knew this, he departed there. And many followed him and he healed

them all. ¹⁶ And he rebuked them so they would not make him a spectacle. ¹⁷ So that the word through Isaiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying,

¹⁸ *“Look, my servant-child whom I have chosen, my beloved. My soul thought-well of him. I will put my Spirit upon him and he will report judgment to the ethnicities. ¹⁹ He will not fight nor scream nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. ²⁰ He will not break a bending branch and he will not extinguish a smoking wick until he throws-out the judgment for victory. ²¹ And the ethnicities will hope in his name.”*

²² Then they carried to him a blind and deaf man, who was demon-possessed. And he healed him so that the deaf man could speak and see. ²³ And all the crowds were beside-themselves and saying,

“Is it possible this man is the Son of David?”

²⁴ And the Pharisees, after hearing this, said,

“This man is not throwing out demons except by Beelzebul, ruler of the demons!”

²⁵ But after noticing their thoughts, he said to them,

“Every kingdom divided against itself is being made-a-wilderness and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. ²⁶ And if Satan is throwing out Satan, then he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ And if I myself am throwing out the demons with Beelzebul, then with what are your sons throwing them out? Because of this they will be your judges. ²⁸ And if with the Creator’s Spirit I myself am throwing out the demons, then the Creator’s Kingdom has arrived against you!

²⁹ Or how else is someone able to enter into the house of the strong man and seize his vessels, if he does not first bind the strong man? And then he will seize his house. ³⁰ Whoever is not being with me is against me. And whoever is not gathering with me is scattering. ³¹ Because of this I am saying to you, every separation and blasphemy will be forgiven for humans. But the blasphemy of the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³² And if anyone speaks a word against the Son of Humanity, then it will be forgiven for him. But if anyone speaks against the Holy Spirit, then it will not be forgiven for him, not in this age nor in the one which is coming.

³³ Either the tree will produce beauty and its fruit will be beautiful or the tree will produce rot and its fruit will be rotten. For the tree will be known from its fruit. ³⁴ Offspring of vipers, how are you able to speak good while being ugly? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth is speaking. ³⁵ The good human is bringing out good from a storage of good. And the ugly human is bringing out ugliness from a storage of ugliness. ³⁶ And I am saying to you that on the Day of Judgment humans will repay a word concerning every lazy word they will speak. ³⁷ For from your words you will be made righteous and from your words you will be condemned.”

³⁸ Then some of the scholars and Pharisees answered him, saying,

“Teacher, we are wanting to see a sign from you.”

³⁹ And answering, he said them,

“An ugly and adulterous generation is seeking for a sign. And no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. ⁴⁰ For just as ‘*Jonah was in the belly of the sea-creature for three days and three nights,*’ like this the Son of Humanity will be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights. ⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will resurrect in the judgment with this generation and they will judge-against it because they changed-their-minds at the proclamation of Jonah. And look, one greater than Jonah is here!

⁴² The queen of the south will be raised up in the judgment with this generation and will judge-against it because she came from the beyond-parts of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon. And look, one greater than Solomon is here!

⁴³ And whenever the unclean spirit comes out from the human, it is going-through the waterless places while seeking rest and it is not finding it. ⁴⁴ Then it is saying, ‘I will return to my house from which I came out.’ And after coming, it is finding it relaxing, swept and made beautiful. ⁴⁵ Then it is journeying and bringing-along with itself seven different spirits more ugly than itself and after entering, it is dwelling there. And the last-conditions of that human are becoming worse than the first-conditions. It will be like this also for this ugly generation.”