

## THE PARABLES—Part 6

Matthew 11:11-19

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1. 11:2-3 Jesus was not turning out to be what was anticipated of Him; even John the Baptizer had doubts.
2. While being the forerunner of the Messiah, John announced judgment, yet judgment was pretty slow in coming (Matthew 3:7-12).
3. 11:4-6 If John was looking for more evidence, Jesus asked him to be content with the evidence there was...it was enough.
4. The prophet Isaiah, like John, spoke of a Messiah who would judge; but they could not have known (unless God revealed it) that there would be two comings of the Messiah.
5. 11:11 John was greatest because of his spiritual walk and his specific role as the forerunner of the King of kings.
6. 11:11 What do you have that they did not? Complete forgiveness of sin, immediate access to God's presence, the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit, God guarantee that He seals you, peace of mind.
7. 11:12 The context of this passage indicates that the advancing Kingdom would be forcibly opposed by violent, hostile people.
8. 11:12 As the Kingdom advances, the opposition to it will increase. Where it is not advancing, the Adversary doesn't worry about it.
9. 11:13 With John's appearance on the stage of history, the period of the Old Testament came to an end.
10. 11:14 John's message was true, and if they had accepted it, and consequently accepted Jesus, John would have fully fulfilled the prophecies of Elijah (Malachi 4:5; Luke 1:17). Because Israel did not accept the message, the Kingdom could not be established. Another prophet like Elijah is therefore still yet to come (Revelation 11:1-19).

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