

Introduction

1. Jesus had sent the apostles out in the “limited” commission.
2. John (in prison) heard of the works of Christ.
3. Jesus praises John the immerser.



Select Verses

- 11:1 - *“And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.”*
- 11:11 - *“Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”*
- 11:15 - *“He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.”*
- 11:20 - *“Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:”*
- 11:22 - *“But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.”*
- 11:27 - *“All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.”*
- 11:28-30 - *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ⁽²⁹⁾ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. ⁽³⁰⁾ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

Select Thoughts / Themes

1. Jesus continued His training (teaching, commanding) His disciples.
2. The people responded THEN in similar fashion to the way people respond TODAY. Explain.



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3. What was John's role in the revealing of God's plan to save man? Contrast John's life to the life of Jesus.
4. Discuss the Lord's condemnation of the three cities (at the north end of Galilee).
5. In the first century, as well as the 21st, who were the most likely to hear, believe and obey the truth of our Saviour? Compare 1 Corinthians 1:26.



To Consider Further...

1. As a Christian today, what do we have to fear? Do the words of Christ apply to us regarding how the word will receive / reject us?
2. Discuss how God unfolded His redemption plan for man – the various stages and the length of time involved.
3. In what way is our role today similar to the role of John the immerser?
4. Was Jesus unloving when He condemned the cities of Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum? Explain His reference to Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment.
5. Discuss in detail the GREAT INVITATION of our Lord found in verses 28-30.
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