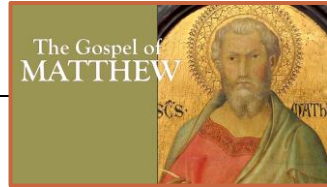


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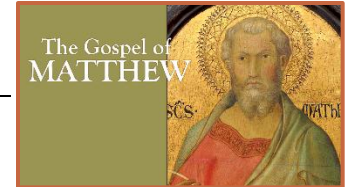


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Suggested Study Questions*
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- If you could meet a famous celebrity who is living today, who would you choose and why? What would you ask this person?
- *Read Matthew 11:1–24.* What leads John the Baptist (3:1–12) to send his disciples to Jesus? What do you imagine John's state of mind to be at this point?
- How does Jesus respond to John's questions? How would you describe the feel and tone of Jesus' reply? Since John knew the prophecies of Scripture (i.e., Isa. 35:5–6; 61:1), how do you think he received Jesus' answer?
- How does Jesus describe to the crowds who John is and who he isn't? What does all of this imply about who Jesus is?
- How are the people like children in their responses to John as well as to Jesus? What does this reveal about their desires and expectations?
- What is significant about the cities that Jesus singles out? What have the cities done or failed to do that leads them to be judged? Why might they have acted this way?
- If you could bring a doubt or question about Jesus directly to him, what would it be? What, if anything, keeps you from doing so? How do you imagine Jesus responding to you?
- How can people in our generation act the same way as those in Jesus' day did? What "woe" might Jesus say to us?
- How should the church "comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable" as Jesus does here? How can you and/or your small group be a part of that?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.