**Matthew 11**

1. **Assurance given to John the Baptist (verses 1-6)**
   1. John’s question may have been one of confusion?
      1. Was this the Christ that he spoke of in Matthew 3:10-12?
      2. Did he have a different view of the Messiah?
   2. Jesus assures John that He is the Messiah
      1. He instructs John’s disciples to report to John what they “hear and see”
      2. Jesus speaks with authority and demonstrates the power of the Messiah.
2. **Jesus speaks on John the Baptist (verses 7-15)**
   1. John was not a wavering reed, instead he was a man firm in his conviction. He knew that the Messiah would come.
   2. John was a man of self-denial not one of kingly clothes.
   3. John was a forerunner to Christ.
   4. John was the promised Elijah, the one to precede the Christ (Malachi 4:5)
   5. Hear the truth; Proverbs 18:15
3. **A childish generation (verses 16-27)**
   1. They acted contrary to the evidence before them
   2. They found ways to justify their actions
   3. Judgment on Chorazin, Bethsaida
      1. Did not repent.
      2. Ignored Christ and His works.
      3. Will suffer a greater punishment.
   4. Judgment on Capernaum
      1. Did not repent, despite having a great opportunity.
      2. Will suffer a greater punishment.
   5. Blinded to the truth of God’s Word
4. **The Great Invitation, Jesus offers rest (verses 28-30)**
   1. Jesus says “Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”
   2. Jesus says “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me,”