



The Gospel of Matthew

"Are You the Coming One?"
Matthew 11:1-6



Gospel of Matthew

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Now when John in prison heard of the works of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples, and said to Him, "Are you the Coming One, or shall we look for someone else?"

And Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you hear and see:

"THE BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and THE POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM

And blessed is he who keeps from stumbling over Me."

Matthew 11:2-6
(NASB)



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1. Source of John's Question

- messianic expectations unfulfilled by Jesus
- the unexpected compassion of Jesus toward "the sinner", even the Gentile



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2. Jesus' Response to John

- Jesus phrases his "works" in words which echo several prophesies of Isaiah
- In the works of Jesus, God's eschatological kingdom blessings have come

the "here and not yet" of the kingdom



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3. Jesus' "Backhanded" Beatitude

- blessed is the one who believes in Jesus as Messiah in spite of unmet expectations
- not blessed are those who take offense at or refuse to believe in Jesus



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Do not stumble over Jesus...

- His divine nature (God)
- The cross
- His exclusive claims and demands
- Unmet expectations