

9. Do you struggle with the way Jesus runs His business? Do you battle bitterness? Have you become cynical?
10. What can we become if we don't deal with disillusionment?
11. John the Baptist carried out his ministry out in the what?
12. His message was a fiery message of what?
13. John clothed himself with what?
14. His diet consisted of what two things?
15. To use the phrase, "a reed shaken by the wind," was a description of what kind of person?
16. What did the Pharisees do with the Word of God?
17. Who were the religious liberals of John's day?
18. The Sadducees did not believe in the what?
19. The Pharisees were leading people away from God by promoting what?
20. The Sadducees were leading people away from God by denying the what?
21. What other person used, "brood of vipers" in referring to the religious leaders?
22. Most Jewish leaders assumed that God's wrath was only intended for whom?
23. John told the religious leaders that if they really want to repent, then they should do what?
24. Salvation doesn't come by what?
25. Being physically related to Abraham isn't the issue. What is the issue?
26. This passage (Matthew 3) shows us that John was no what?
27. From Matthew 11:8, we see that John wasn't a member of the what?
28. In the Lord's opinion, John was what kind of man?
29. Was John a prophet?
30. Who was the greatest man to have lived up to the time of John?
31. In what sense are those of us who live on this side of the cross of Christ and His resurrection greater than John?
32. What is meant by Verses 12-13 (and Luke 16:16)?
33. In spite of the violent opposition, the kingdom moves ahead relentlessly, and only what kind of persons find their way into it?
34. John came on the scene after how many years of silence from God?
35. Why did a delegation of priest and Levites ask John the question they did in John 1:21?
36. When John was asked the question if he was Elijah, how did he respond?

37. Why did Jesus use the phrase, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear...”?
38. Why was John the Baptist such a great man?
39. How about you? Are you doing what the Lord has called you to do and are you fulfilling your role?
40. Are you doing your part in the body of Christ?

**\*For great encouragement in times of doubt, read “Trusting God, Even When Life Hurts,” by Jerry Bridges (available at our Resource Center Closet).**

Remember: Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

**For Next Time:**

- 1) **Read Matthew 1:1-11:24**
- 2) **What do you think of criticism? Are you a critical person? What do you find yourself criticizing most often?**
- 3) **Do you think “indifference” characterizes the church, in general today? Why is that?**
- 4) **Evaluate your life this week, in relation to criticism and indifference. In what way might God want you to change your life?**

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## **AFFIRMED BY JESUS**

**Matthew 11:7-15**

**(Series #66)**

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon “**Affirmed By Jesus.**” All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What is one of the most well known and popular phrases in the Bible?
2. Nothing can compare with the value of someday being what?
3. What man was affirmed by Jesus when Jesus was alive here on earth?
4. The text tells us about a time when John the Baptist was struggling with what?
5. John the Baptist was in prison for calling a leader of Israel to what?
6. What confused John the Baptist was that Jesus wasn’t doing what?
7. Our tendency when we don’t understand what the Lord is doing is to get what?
8. Blessed is the person who does not get what, because of Jesus?

**\*\*To help protect the quality of recording the sermon, we ask that you quietly turn to the inside of this study guide. Thank you! We appreciate your help.**