

# Affirmed by Jesus

Matthew 11:7-15

(series #66)

**Intro:** John's question about Jesus in verses 1-6

**I. John the Baptist's Character vv. 7-9**

A. He was not a "reed shaken by the wind"  
- Matthew 3:7-10

B. He was not a part of the nobility

C. He was not merely a prophet

**II. John the Baptist's Role v. 10**

A. He was the forerunner of the Messiah

B. Malachi 3:1

**III. John the Baptist's Greatness vv. 11-15**

A. Greater than all who preceded him

B. Not greater than the least in the kingdom

C. The "lightning rod" of violent reaction

1. Many resisted and opposed him

2. Many pressed into the kingdom

- Luke 16:16

D. The "Elijah who is to come"

1. Malachi 4:5-6

2. Luke 1:17

**Conclusion:** Are you being faithful? - Col. 4:17