

Faith's Trials

Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 111

Matthew 11:1-11

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¹ And it happened, when Jesus finished directing His twelve disciples, he moved on from there to teach and proclaim in their cities.

² But when John heard in prison the works of the Christ, he sent a *question*¹ through his disciples,

³ and said to Him, “Are You He who is coming, or shall we await a different Person?”

⁴ And Jesus, in answer, said to them, “Go and report to John what things you are hearing and seeing:

⁵ “blind *people* are seeing again and crippled are walking, lepers are being cleansed and deaf *people* are hearing, and dead *people* are being raised, and poor *people* are being told the good news.²

⁶ “And blessed is he who is not tripped up over Me.

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⁷ And, as these *men* were going, Jesus began to say to the crowds concerning John, “What did you come out into the desert to observe? A reed being shaken by the wind?

⁸ “But *instead*, what did you come out to see? A man dressed in soft *garments*? Look: those bearing the soft *garments* are in the palaces³ of kings!

⁹ “But *rather*, what did you come out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you — and one exceeding a prophet!

¹⁰ “This is he concerning whom it has been written, ‘Look! I am sending My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.’⁴

¹¹ “Truly, I say to you, one has not risen among those born of women greater than John the Immerser⁵! Yet he who is smaller in the kingdom of the heavens is greater than he!”

Pastor Phillips' ad hoc translation

HEARING THE WORD

Introduction:

I. _____ Trial of Faith

A. Its Causes

1. What John had _____:
2. What John had _____ed:
3. What John had (and hadn't) seen _____
4. _____ John _____:

B. Its Nature

¹ Literally *having sent*.

² See Isaiah 26:19; 35:5-6; 61:1.

³ Literally *houses*.

⁴ Malachi 3:1.

⁵ Greek *baptistēs*, traditionally transliterated *Baptist*.

C. John's Action

1. What he doesn't do

2. What he does

D. Christ's Response

1. _____ John, _____ of John's _____ (11:7-11)

2. _____ John

II. _____ Trials of Faith

A. Their Causes

B. Their Nature

C. Our Action

1. What we often do

2. What we should _____ do

D. God's Response