

## Study Notes and Questions for Matthew Chapter Eleven

- After such a strong testimony as recorded in Matthew 3:13–17, why do you think John was having these second thoughts about whether Jesus was truly the Messiah?
- How did Jesus respond to John’s doubts and what do you learn from His response about dealing with your own doubts?
- What do you think Jesus meant when He said, “**blessed is the one who is not offended by me.**”
- Malachi 4:5 predicts that Elijah the prophet will reappear in Israel before the “**great and dreadful day of the LORD.**” Why do we believe that this prophecy will be finally and more fully fulfilled before Jesus returns in His second coming?
- How would you explain to someone the **Law of Double Reference**?
- How did Jesus describe “this generation” (11:16–19) and do you see any of these same characteristics today?
- Jesus said that “**wisdom is justified** [or proved right] **by her deeds**” (11:19). How did this statement apply to Jesus and His ministry?
- Jesus denounced some of the cities that saw miraculous signs and didn’t repent. How does our own generation respond to Jesus and the gospel?
- In **verse 21** Jesus spoke about people repenting “**in sackcloth and ashes.**” How would you expect people today to show their repentance?
- After Jesus spoke to the crowd and issued judgment on the unrepentant cities, He thanked His heavenly Father for revealing the truth about Him to “**little children**” (see 11:25–27). Why does God not reveal the truth to the “wise and learned?”
- What did Jesus mean by the statement: “**All things have been handed over to me by my Father...**”?
- Jesus gives an invitation in **verse 28**. To whom is this invitation given?
- Is rest for our souls, hearts, and minds as great a need in our time as it was in Jesus’ day or do you think it’s greater?