

# **“Jesus and John: Responses to Each”**

## **Matt. 11:7-13**

### Introduction

- I. Two of the greatest men to ever live we alive in the first century A.D.
- II. These two men preached the same message (Matt. 3:2; 4:17).
- III. Each had different responses to their efforts (Matt. 11:7-30).

### Discussion

- I. Let us begin with how some people responded to John's preaching.
  - A. Some were only curious (Matt. 11:7-9; cf. Matt. 3:1-3).
  - B. John was more than just a prophet, he was sent by God to prepare the way for Jesus (Matt. 11:9-10; Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6; Matt. 3:3; 17:10-13).
  - C. While being interested at first, some eventually turned away from his message (Matt. 3:5-6; 11:16-19; cf. Jesus [John 6:66]).
- II. How did some people respond to Jesus' preaching?
  - A. Jesus did not shun from preaching strongly the need to repent (Luke 13:1-5; Matt. 11:20-24).
  - B. Jesus was more than just a prophet, he is the Son of God (John 3:16; 1 John 5:20; Luke 1:35).
  - C. While being interested at first, some turned away from His message (John 6:53-66).
- III. Jesus is thankful for those who receive His message and obey It (Matt. 11:25-30).

### Conclusion

- I. In many ways, Jesus and John are very similar.
- II. Their messages were the same, and reactions to their preaching were similar as well.
- III. We should not just be ones that hear and turn away from the Word of God (Matt. 13:3-9).