

Sermon Study Guide – December 11th, 2022

Today's Focus: "Not a Made-to-Order Messiah"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ What does it mean if something is “made-to-order”? What do you purchase that is “made-to-order”?
- ◆ How do many people look for a “made-to-order” Messiah? Do we ever look for a “made-to-order” Messiah? Is this a good thing or a bad thing?

2) Today's Message: Matthew 11:2-11,16-19

² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” ⁴ Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy²³ are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.” ⁷ As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ⁸ If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. ⁹ Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” ¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he...

¹⁶ “To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: ¹⁷ “We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.” ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:

Answer the following questions as you follow the sermon...

1. How did the people of Jesus day look for a “made-to-order” faith or Messiah?
2. How can we act like the people who rejected John the Baptist?
3. How can we act like the people who rejected Jesus Christ?
4. How is God’s wisdom “proved right by (his) actions”?
5. Why don’t we want to change with the “recipe” that is Jesus?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week’s truths:

Monday: *read/review* Judges 17-18

Thursday: Isaiah 35

Tuesday: *review* James 5:7-11, Psalm 146

Friday: Malachi 3:1-5

Wednesday: John 15

Saturday: *read/review* Matthew 11