Who is JESUS to Me? Matt 11 & 12

Matt. 11: 1-6

Isaiah 35:3-6 Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; 4say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." 5 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. 6 Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.

I. Jesus is greater than the greatest prophet

Matt. 11: 7-19

John was more than a prophet...He fulfilled a prophesy.

Malachi 3:1, "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

The New Covenant Better than the OLD

Heb 8:6, But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs, as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.

This generation has rejected JOHN, rejected The KINGDOM, and rejected The KING

Matt. 11: 20-24



DISBELIEF is the worst sin in God's eyes...that doesn't usually even make our list

The world says... sharing this absolute truth is really the worst sin. It's Intolerant;

Mankind's autonomy (self-rule; self-reliance) must supersede belief or submission to Jesus.

Matt. 11: 25-27

"He who has PRIDE as his mother can't have God as his father."

Pride is the greatest obstacle

- ...those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him (GOD)
- ...then we're given responsibility of something to do
- ...This is the MYSTERY of God's Sovereignty vs Human Responsibility Unfathomable!

Matt. 11: 28-30

Three Actions...COME...TAKE...LEARN

II. Jesus will give us <u>rest for our souls</u> (PEACE)

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Matt. 12: 1-21

III. Jesus will bring Mercy and Justice.

If God could set aside His ceremonial law, He could set aside the Rabbinic traditions.

1 Samuel 21:6, So the priest gave him the consecrated bread, since there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence that had been removed from before the Lord and replaced by hot bread on the day it was taken away.

If Priest's duty did not desecrate the Sabbath, Jesus who is the Son of God could too.

Hosea 6:6, For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

Sabbath...a merciful provision for His people **REST now found in CHRIST**

Mark 2:27 ²⁷Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

Matt. 12: 22-50

IV. Jesus demands a response or choice.

Either He is God or He is not...To attribute the gracious works of God to Satan ...intentionally and aggressively even in the face of seeing the truth...is the sin that cannot be forgiven!

Only God can make a tree good and then its fruit will be good!

Asking for a sign is just trying for an excuse...God has irrefutably shown who He is. Neutral is still a choice against Jesus...