

201227 Jesus Confronts the VRS

GOOD MORNING

Jesus Confronts the Vain Religious System's Counter-Doctrine Head-On.

- a. Some will receive Christ (Mat. 10:40-42)
- b. Most, however, will not. (Mat. 11-12)

Key Verse is Mat. 11:6: The VRS was offended at Him so they developed a counter-doctrinal system to contradict Jesus' doctrinal system. (Is. 8:14-16)

Examples:

- a. Mat. 9:27-34
- b. Mat. 8:17 with Mat. 13:53-57
- c. Mat. 9:11-13
- d. Mat. 9:15 with Mat. 11:19

John the Baptist's Question Displays Two of the Vain Religious Systems Counter Doctrines:

Counter-Doctrine #1 (Mat. 11:1-6):
They denied the two-fold Comings of
Christ, making Christ's 1st Coming
unnecessary. (Is. 35:1-6; Is. 61:1-3)

Counter-Doctrine #2: (Mat. 11:7-15):

They denied to the two-fold Messengers of Malachi—
John and Elijah—conflating them into the same person,
making John's ministry unnecessary.

(Mal. 3 and 4; Lk. 1:13-17, 76-79)

So, Who Is John the Baptist? Pieces to the Puzzle:

- a. Mk. 9:11-13 Elijah has come .
- b. Mat. 17:10-13 Elijah shall come and he has come.
- c. Jn. 1:21 John said he wasn't Elijah.
- d. Lk. 1:13-17 John would come in the spirit and power of Elijah.
- e. Mat. 3:1-4 John also comes in the appearance of Elijah, calling Israel to repentance, like Elijah.

The Key To Who John the Baptist Is Mat. 11:7-14:

vv. 8-9: John was a prophet.

v. 10: John was the messenger referred to Mal. 3:1.

v. 11-13: There were no greater than John because
He came to prepare the way to take the
Kingdom back from the usurpers and give it to the
believing remnant in accord with the Law and
Prophets.

v. 14: For those who received John and Jesus, they, as the
first-fruits of the restored Nation of Israel, would have a
foretaste of what Elijah will bring in at Christ's 2nd
Coming.

Mk. 1:1-3: John the messenger (Mal. 3:1) who would be the voice
crying in the wilderness preparing the way for Jesus at His 1st Coming
(Is. 40:3).