**Daily Bible Readings for Home Study and Worship**

**LET’S READ & Study!!**

**For: 22 August 2021**

**Peter and John Preach with Boldness**

**Monday**- Fear God; Fear No Evil **(Psalm 112:1-1-10)**

**Tuesday**- Paul Ask for Prayer **(Ephesians 6:19-24)**

**Wednesday**-Stand Firm **(Phil 1:27-30)**

**Thursday**- Trials Develop Perseverance **(James 1:2-8)**

**Friday**- The Trial of Your Faith **(1st Peter 1:3-9)**

**Saturday-**The Spirit Will Guide You **(Luke 12:8-12)**

**Sunday-** Unafraid to Speak Jesus Name **(Acts 4:6-21)**

**15 August 2021**

**Jesus Corrects and Commends John[[1]](#footnote-1)**

Lesson Text: **Matthew** 11:1-15

Related Scriptures: **Isaiah** 40:1-8**; Matthew 3**:1-12; 17:9-13**; Luke** 1:76-79**; Malachi** 3:1-5

**TIME:** A.D. 28. **PLACE:** Galilee

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. **Matthew 11:10 (KJV)**

***Scripture Lesson Text***

**Matthew 11:1-14**

1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

**2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,**

3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

**4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see**:

5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

**6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me**.

7 And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

**8 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.**

9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

**10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.**

11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

**12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.**

13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

**14 And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.**

15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

**Lesson Aim**

**Facts:** To understand that for our spiritual growth, God calls us into some very dark places.

**Principle:** To assure us that God never abandons us.

**Application:** To encourage us to trust Jesus as our Guide.

**Introduction**

John was thrown into a dark place for standing up for the truth. While in the prison, John began to wonder whether Jesus was really the Coming One, the Messiah.

1. **Developing the Lesson:**
	1. Jesus answers John’s doubts (Matthew 11:1-6)
	2. Jesus commends John’s faithfulness (Matthew 11:7-15
2. **Studying the Text**
	1. **Correcting John’s Expectations (Matthew 11:1-6)**
		1. A time to minister alone (Matthew 11:1)
		2. A message from John (Matthew 11:2-3)
		3. An engaging reply (Matthew 11:4-6)
	2. **Correcting the Crowd’s expectations (Matthew 11:7-15)**
		1. Probing questions (Matthew 11:7-9)
		2. An astounding truth (Matthew 11:10-11)
		3. A deep warning (Matthew 11:12-15**)**
3. **Take Aways**
4. **Announcements**
5. **Closing Prayer**
1. Union Gospel Press, Adult Bible Teacher, Summer Quarter, 01 August 2021, *Three Young Men Refuse to Bow* page 58 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)