

Barbarian Vs Civilized Christians
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Matthew 11:1-19

Matthew 11:1-19 After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?" Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me." As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? 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. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. He who has ears, let him hear. "To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 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 actions."Mt 11:1-19

Barbarian Ctns – knows Jesus but doesn't know the rules yet.

The barbarian way out of civilization.

Invites us to take off the lawyers and find our way back to what Jesus had in mind when He died on the cross.

Are you to one who was to come or should we look for someone else?

Why would John the Baptist ask this?

JC and John were cousins.

In his mother's womb he knew that Jesus was the one.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

John knew that he was unworthy to untie his shoes.

John knew that JC was the one.

Why is he asking this now?

Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me!

Why does JC say this?

I am the one who heals

"I am the one who is leaving you in prison and will allow you to die on my behalf."

Our view is the JC always comes through for us. He is concerned about our safety and our security.

“The safest place to live is in the will of God.”

Where did we get this?

Was this true for John?

What about Paul?

2 Cor 11

Where did we get this idea of safety in the will of God?

Where we sacrifice nothing, lose nothing, self-centered, egocentric,

Jesus came to liberate us to die up front and

How many have become confused because Christ hasn't come through for us?

Have we lost our barbarian way out of civilization?

You cannot choose when or how we die. But we can choose how we will live!

Are you willing to live a life worth living?

11:7 The barbarians look different when you really embrace Christ.

What is JC saying about John?

The disciples of JC look different than you might expect.

If this is what the person who prepared the way for Jesus then what should a disciple of JC look like after the coming of JC?

What you would think is that Jesus works in our lives to make us normal.

In reality, he releases us to be who He created us to be.

We are not normal.

We are barbarians and we are changed by his presence.

11:11-12

The barbarian sees JC different than civilized

The barbarian see JC's disciples different.

And the barbarian see's the mission differently than the civilized.

We are at war.

There is an unseen battle of kingdoms.

We are called by God to be warriors of light.

We walk into the dark to advance the kingdom of God.

We cannot settle for what we see.

Rhinos = group = crash.
Can run 30 mph but only see 30 feet in front of them.

The future is there to be created.
What is 31 ft in front of the Rhino doesn't matter. It better get out of the way.

We've been telling Ctns, "Climb back into the window. Don't jump. It's safe inside."
But God wakes us and says "You can make a difference."

Some of us need to take off our pomus robes of Ctnity
And follow the voice of God.

I created you to do something so extraordinary that it will blow your mind.
But you have to find the barbarian way out of civilization!

This message is not "typable". It must be heard and reheard.

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