

WHAT DOES TRUE GREATNESS LOOK LIKE?
Learning from Jesus' vindication of His messenger John
Matthew 11:7-11

I. UNDERSTAND WHY WAS JOHN THE GREATEST: Jesus reveals John was the greatest man who ever lived because he was His faithful prophesied messenger (7-11a)

A. John's **great character in Christ declared and observed by Jesus (7-8)**

1. John was unwavering in his declaration of the truth (7)

2. John did not compromise to ease his life (8)

3. John had Christ focus (various passages)

B. John's absolute greatness directly related to his **great privilege to prepare the way for Christ (9-11a)**

II. REALIZE **TRUE BELIEVERS ARE GREATER IN PRIVILEGE AND OPPORTUNITY THAN JOHN because of their relationship to Christ (11b, various passages)**

Next week

III. HEED THE WARNING: Jesus gives warning to multitude to respond rightly to His messenger and thus to Him (12-15)

A. Responses to John's preaching: Kingdom advancement and opposition (12)

B. A warning to accept the messenger's message and thus the Messiah (13-15)