

## Matthew 11 Study Guide

Often people will tell you to just believe. But that advice is contrary to the Bible. What the Bible says and illustrates in this chapter is that belief should be founded on reason and evidence. That was the whole reason Matthew wrote his story of Jesus; he was giving reasons for people to believe in Jesus.

**READ.** When John the Baptist sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was really the Messiah, what evidence did Jesus give?

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There was plenty of evidence for Jesus being the Messiah. But still many people – he called them “the people of this generation” – did not believe. Jesus compared them to children playing in the street. How were they like these children?

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**APPLY.** We do not have the advantage today of seeing Jesus do the miracles that he did then. Jesus even said as much: “Jesus told him [Thomas] , ‘Because you **have seen** me, you **have** believed; blessed are those who **have not seen** and yet **have** believed” (John 20:29). But we still have plenty of evidence for believing in Jesus. What evidence do we have? Think about this a little before answering.

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**READ.** Even though there is plenty of evidence for believing in Jesus there is one more thing necessary. Jesus explains that in verses 25 – 27. What is that one more necessary thing?

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**APPLY.** One of the things we can do to help people believe in Jesus is to explain the evidence. But that will not be enough by itself. What else do we need to do?

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