

Jesus Defines A True Disciples Greatness Matt. 11:7-15

Intro: What do you do when your expectations of the Lord do not match your experience of suffering?

Matt. 11:1-6; 2 Tim. 1:8; Rom. 8:17; Matt. 10:17-18

- Who is great? Why are they great

Matt. 18:1-6; 20:20-28; 23:4; Mark 9:34

- John's personal character vs. 7-8

- Humility – He sought to overcome weakness

Matt. 11:2-3; Matt. 8:23-26; John 3:30; Matt. 3:11, 14; 10:24-25; Job 34:32; Psalm 25:4-11; 27:11; 143:10

- Faithful to the truth – strong in conviction

Matt. 3:7-12; James 1:8; Eph. 4:14; 2 Cor. 12:10; John 1:7, 15, 19; 3:26-30; 5:33, 35

- Spiritual discipline – self denial

Matt. 16:24-25; Romans 12:1-2; Heb. 11:24-26; Titus 2:11-12; 1 Peter 4:1-2

- John's personal commitment to his calling vs. 9-11

John 1:7-8, 19-23; 2 Tim. 2:3-10; Matt. 20:26; 24:45-46; 2 Cor. 4:5

- How about you – you're the Lord's disciple

Matt. 5:3-16; Matt. 10:5, 7, 16, 24-25; Romans 6, 7, 8

- The Lord's warning vs. 12-15

Mal. 4:5-6; Matt. 17:10-13; Eph. 5:15-11; 2 Tim. 2:12

- Will you hear?