

# SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

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Do Not Miss the Christ

Matthew 11:7-24

February 1, 2026

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p><b>Matthew 11:7</b> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? [8] What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. [9] What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. [10] This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ [11] Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. [12] From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. [13] For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, [14] and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. [15] He who has ears to hear, let him hear. [16] “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, [17] “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ [18] For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ [19] The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.” [20] Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. [21] “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. [22] But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. [23] And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. [24] But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.”</p>	<p><b><i>It's possible to be near Christ, hear truth, see evidence, and still miss Him.</i></b></p> <p><b>I. Jesus defends his faithful servant (7-10)</b></p> <p><b>II. Jesus exposes the unbelief of skeptics (11-19)</b></p> <p><b>III. Jesus warns the unrepentant (20-24)</b></p> <p><b>Memory verses for 2026-</b></p> <p>Ephesians 4:1–3</p> <p>[1] I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you To walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,</p> <p>[2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,</p> <p>[3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.</p>

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## Sermon Application Questions

1. The crowd criticized John for being too strict and Jesus for being too “loose.” How do we sometimes dismiss God’s truth because we don’t like the person or the style it comes through?

2. The sermon warns that someone can grow up in church and still miss Jesus. What are some ways a person can be around Christ but not belong to Christ?

3. The conclusion compares repeated gospel hearing to an alarm you learn to ignore. What are signs that someone (or you personally) is becoming spiritually numb to truth?

4. Jesus described that generation like children who refused to respond no matter what. Where do you see “spiritual pickiness” today—people wanting God only on their own terms?

5. Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum saw miracles but still didn’t repent. What are modern equivalents of “seeing mighty works” (blessings, answered prayer, Christian community) without surrender?

6. The sermon says, “Hearing sermons does not equal repentance.” What are examples of religious habits that can look healthy but still hide an unchanged heart?

## Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: