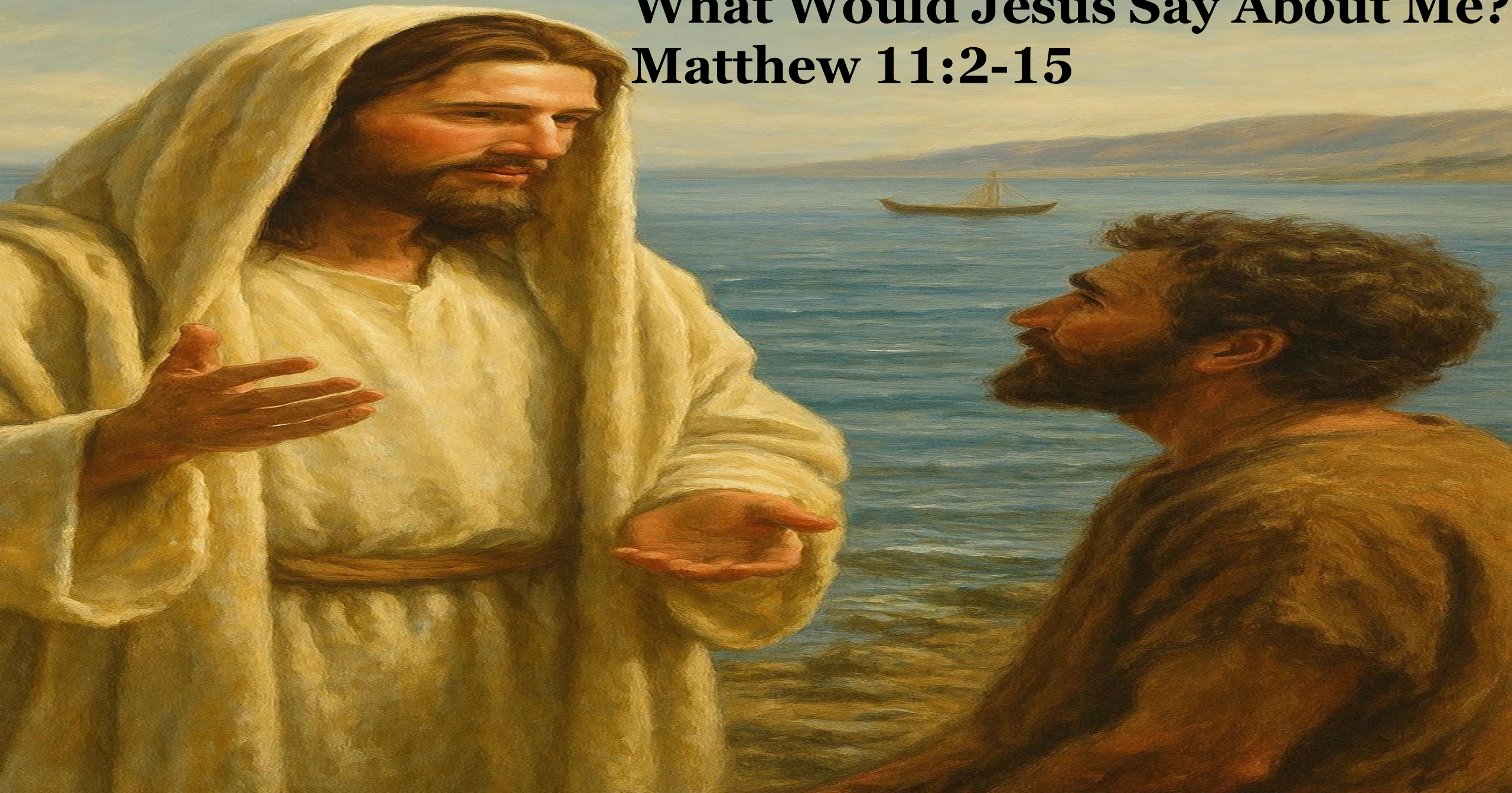


What Would Jesus Say About Me?

Matthew 11:2-15



Jesus – Your Greatest Reference

- **Luke 12:8-9** - ⁸ “And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, ⁹ but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God.
- **Revelation 3:5** - ⁵ The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. (To the Church at Sardis)

Are You the One?

- **Matthew 11:2-3** - ² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

One Source of Truth

- People today **NEED** to be directed to the “One” source of truth for all of life’s problems – **THE BIBLE**
- **Proverbs 8:17** - I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.
- **Matthew 7:7** - “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Go and Tell

- **Matthew 11:4-6** - ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

Share Your Hope in Jesus

- Go tell about your hope in Jesus.
- **Romans 5:1-5** - Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**“WANNA BE HAPPY FOR AN
HOUR? EAT A STEAK.
WANNA BE HAPPY FOR A
DAY? PLAY GOLF. WANNA BE
HAPPY FOR A WEEK? GO ON
A CRUISE. WANNA BE
HAPPY FOR A LIFETIME?
*PUT YOUR FAITH IN JESUS
CHRIST.*”**

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Not Ashamed of the Gospel

- **Romans 1:16** - ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- **2 Timothy 1:8** - Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

What Did You Go to See?

- **Matthew 11:7-10** - ⁷ 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.’





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**Real preaching will
cause people to
either hate their
sin or hate the
preacher!**

Preaching the Truth – John the Baptist

- **Luke 4:7-9** - ⁷ He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Preaching the Truth – John the Baptist

- **Luke 4:10-14** - ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹ And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³ And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

Preach the Truth

- **2 Timothy 4:3-4** - For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

Affirmation of John the Baptist

- **Matthew 11:15** - 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.

Will Jesus Affirm Your Service and Ministry?

- **Matthew 7:21-23** - ²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

Authentic Christians

We need to be
authentic, Lord,
In how we live for
you
A faith, a walk, that's
genuine
In what we say and
do

This life that we live
for you
Is not an act in a play,
But our real lives
we're living out
For Jesus every day

For we're not merely actors
Performing in a scene
With well rehearsed scripts to
follow,
Or like puppets on a string

But we live a life that
measures up
To the words that we speak,
In line with the word of God
And the truths that you teach

We want so much for others
To see your love inside
And know that there's a
difference
When we come to Jesus
Christ.

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