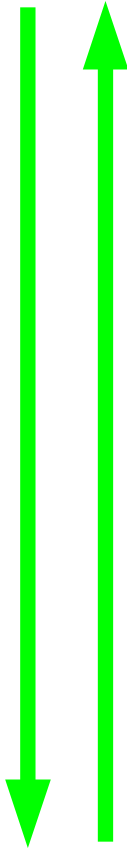



Treasure Hunt

- Structurally, ch. 11 is parallel to two earlier episodes in Matthew. What are they, and what is the implication of this parallelism?
- What motivated John to send his disciples with the question?
- To what OT passages does the Lord allude in his answer to John?
- What is the implication of each of these passages?
- 11:6 says that some people will be offended at our Lord's approach to the kingdom.
 - How is John's question an illustration of offense?
 - Why is this offense not unexpected?
 - Why does this offense not condemn the Lord, in the light of Matt 18:7?

4:18-11:30 Preparation of the Disciples

Calling Disciples	4:18-22 the Four		9:36-10:4 the Twelve		11:2-30 Broader Invitation (v. 28)
Summary	4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.		9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.		Mat 11:1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.
Detail	ch. 5-7 Content for Teaching		ch. 8-9 Examples of Healing		10:5-42 Exhortations for Preaching

John's Expectation

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with fire*: 12 Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but **he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**

Isaiah Answers John's Question

Matt 11	Matt 8-9	Isa 35	Isa 61	2 Kgs 4-5
5 The blind receive their sight,	9:27-31 two blind men	5a Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,		
and the lame walk,	8:5-13 centurion's servant 9:2-8 palsied man	6a Then shall the lame <i>man</i> leap as an hart,		
the lepers are cleansed,	8:1-4 leper			2 Ki 5 Naaman
and the deaf hear,	9:32-33 dumb man	5b and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.		
the dead are raised up,	9:18-25 Jairus' Daughter			2 Ki 4 Shunammite's son
and the poor have the gospel preached to them.	4:23; 9:35; 11:1 "preaching the gospel of the kingdom		1 the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek;	

Taking vs. Giving Offense

When God offends us, we must be careful not to **take** offense:

Isa. 8:13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. 14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a **stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence** to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. (cf. Rom 9:33 “offence” = **σκανδαλον**)

1 Cor. 1:23-24 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a **stumblingblock σκανδαλον**, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

But when we offend others, the fault is usually ours in **giving** offense:

Matt. 18:7 Woe unto the world because of **offences σκανδαλον!** for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

Rom. 14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an **occasion to fall σκανδαλον** in *his* brother's way.