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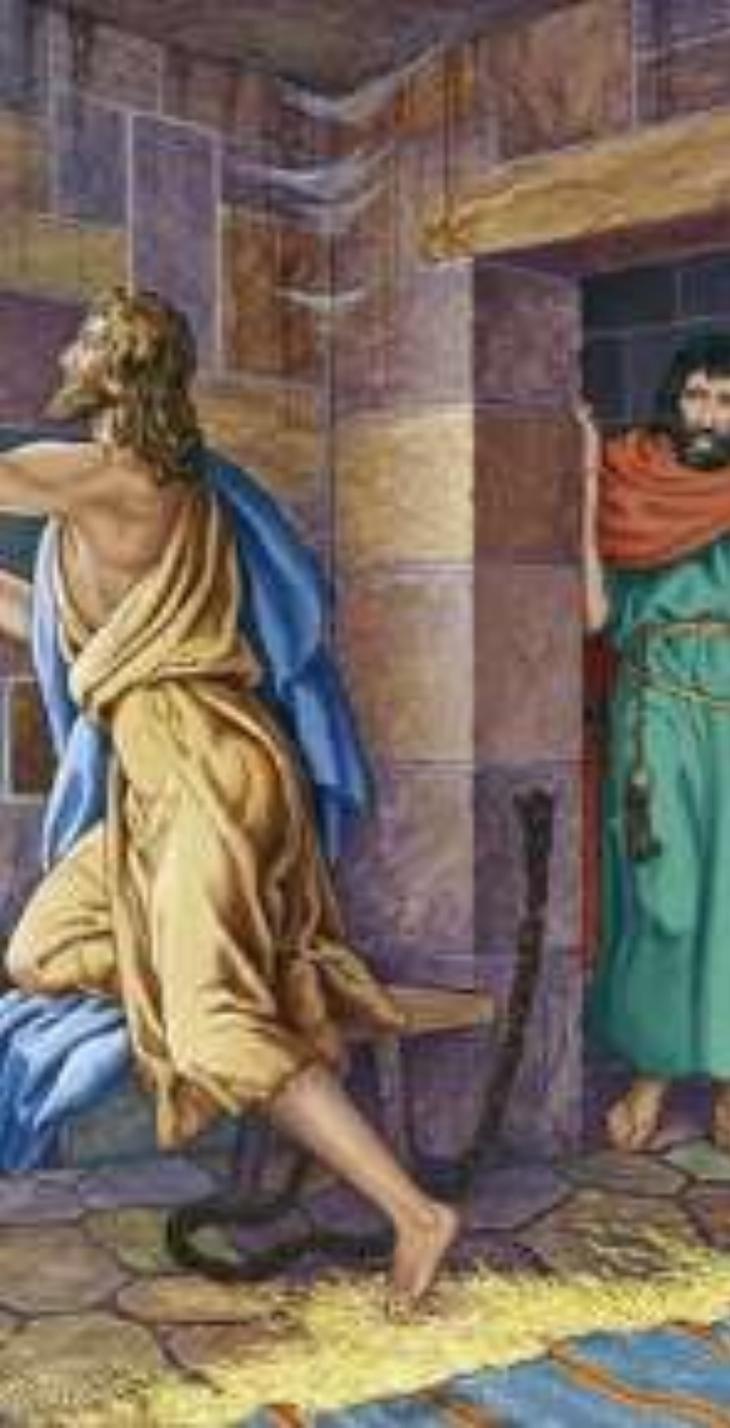
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# John hears about deeds of Messiah v. 1-3

- After he finished these sayings (commanding)...
- Teach (ethics) & preach (good news) in the towns of Galilee
- 97 X N.T. (teach)—Matthew 22:16
- 61 X N.T. (preach)—Matthew 4:17; 10:7; 24:14; 26:13;
- Go back & report to John



# Jesus' understanding of his ministry, v. 4-6

- Isaiah 61:1-2 (See Luke 4:16-30 Nazareth synagogue scene)
- The blind receive sight, the lame walk,
- those who have leprosy are cleansed,
- the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and
- the good news is proclaimed to the poor
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”



# Jesus speaks about John, v. 7-15

- Rhetorical questions
- What did they go out to see?
- John is more than a prophet!
- Quote from Malachi 3:1
- Greater and least—John is both!
- 11:12 interesting verse

# Matthew 11:12

## parallel translations

**NASB**: "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force. ([NASB ©1995](#))

**GW**: From the time of John the Baptizer until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful people have been seizing it. ([GOD'S WORD®](#))

**KJV**: And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

**ASV**: And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and men of violence take it by force.

**BBE**: And from the days of John the Baptist till now, the kingdom of heaven is forcing its way in, and men of force take it.

**DBY**: But from the days of John the baptist until now, the kingdom of the heavens is taken by violence, and the violent seize on it.

**ERV**: And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and men of violence take it by force.

**WEY**: But from the time of John the Baptist till now, the Kingdom of the Heavens has been suffering violent assault, and the violent have been seizing it by force.

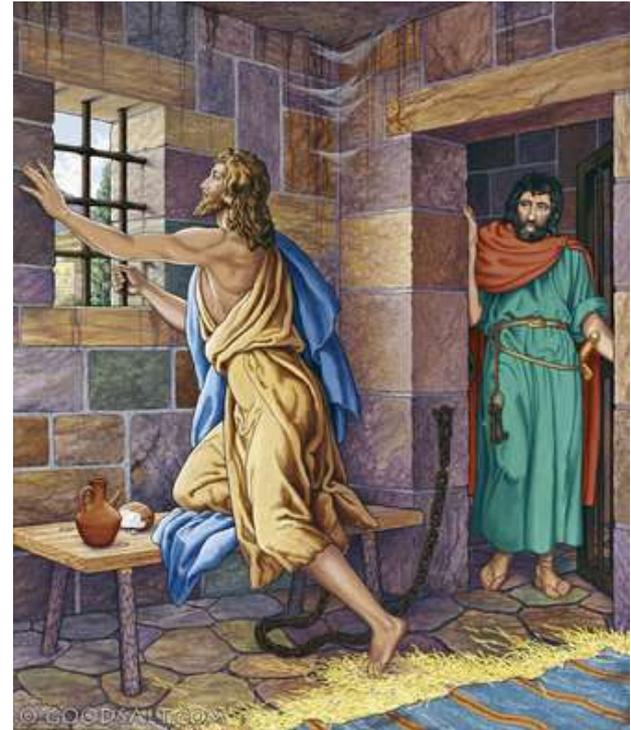
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**YLT**: 'And, from the days of John the Baptist till now, the reign of the heavens doth suffer violence, and violent men do take it by force,

# ***11:12 From the days of John the Baptist until now...***

**The idea is, that from the time when John began preaching, men of violence were trying to force their way into the kingdom. It is compared to a walled city that men try to storm and enter. They tried a little later to make Jesus a king by force.**





# What is this generation like? vs. 16-19

- Children sitting in the market place
- But whereunto shall I liken ... - Christ proceeds to reprove the inconsistency and fickleness of that age of people. He says they were like children - nothing pleased them. He refers here to the "plays" or "sports" of children.



- **John— austerly...he has a demon**
- **Son of Man – normal - charges against him**
- **Wisdom is proved right by her deeds**