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MATTHEW			
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The King	His identity: Israel's promised King		His destiny: "Crucify Him!"
Scope	Teaching the vast multitudes		Teaching the Twelve
Location	Bethlehem and Nazareth	Ministry in Galilee	Ministry in Judea
People's Reaction	Increased popularity		Increased hostility
Theme	Jesus is the King, Israel's long-awaited Messiah.		
Key Verses	16:16-19; 28:18-20		
Christ in Matthew	Jesus, the Messiah, fulfills the prophecies, promises, types, and expectations of the Old Testament Scriptures (16:16-19; 28:18-20).		

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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.'**

What do these questions asked by Jesus tell us about John?

What was written?

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Matthew 11:11-15 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.

How can someone least in the Kingdom of heaven be greater than John, the greatest man ever born of a woman?

What violence was happening in the kingdom of heaven?

What does Jesus mean that if they are willing to accept it, John is Elijah?

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Thoughts,
Comments?

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