

THE LAST OLD TESTAMENT HERO

Matthew 11:7-19

Main Idea: John announced the kingdom and stood on its threshold, but did not enter it himself in this life.

Jesus' Tribute to John the Baptist (7-11)

His Identity (7-10)

Unwavering conviction (7)

Uncompromising congruency (8)

Unparalleled call (9-10)

Israel's first prophet in 400 years (9)

A prophet who himself fulfilled prophecy (10)

His Greatness (11)

Greater than all born naturally

Lesser than all born supernaturally

Violence and the Kingdom (12)

John is the Anticipated "Elijah" (13-15)

An Unresponsive Generation (16-19)

Like pouting, petulant children playing games

Unwilling to alter their own expectations and agendas