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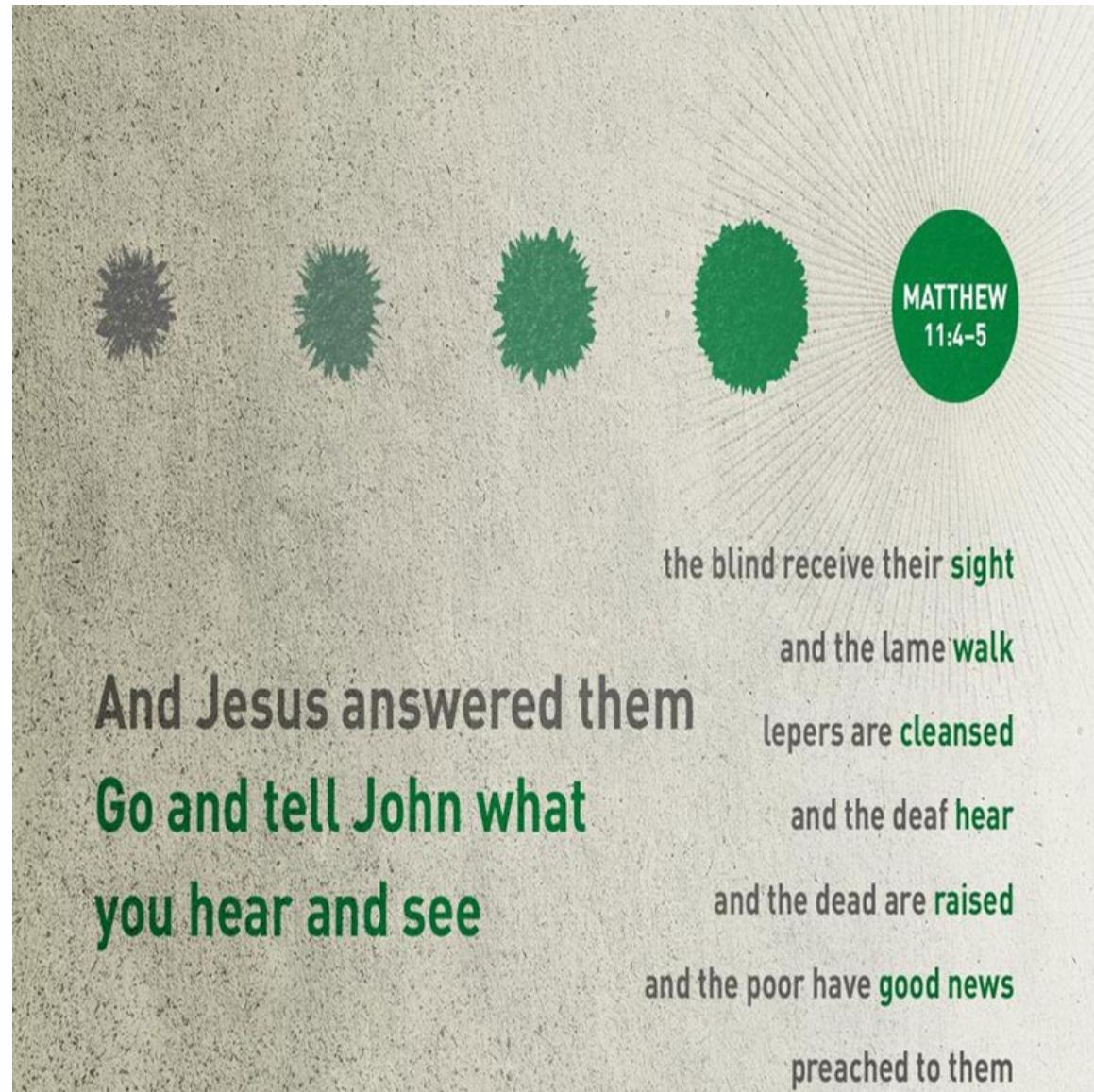
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    who will prepare your way before you.'

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The Gospel of the Lord.

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MATTHEW  
11:4-5

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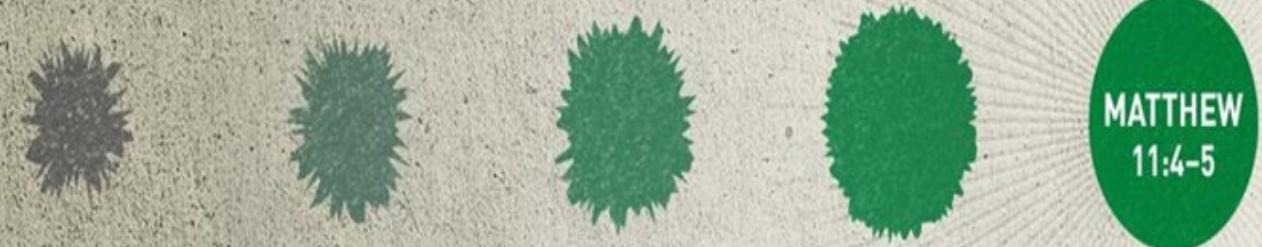
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# See

## Theme of the Week Joy

# Hear

Day 1	A scene linked to joy, e.g. a symbol of joy
Day 2	A contrasting images that shows another side of joy
Day 3	A hopeful or future-focused image connected to joy

Day 1	Matthew 11:2-11
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Day 1	What does joy mean in your daily life?
Day 2	How can joy guide your relationships with others?
Day 3	How does joy bring you closer to God?

Day 1	Choose one action today that expresses Joy.
Day 2	Do something today that shows Joy of another person.
Day 3	Commit to practice this week to deepen your Joy.

# Think

# Do

# Joy

## Theme of the Week

### Joy

The passage, often read on "Gaudete Sunday" (Latin for "Rejoice"), emphasizes that joy can be found even amidst suffering and waiting. This joy is not a surface-level happiness, but a deep assurance that God's promised restoration is at hand, as evidenced by Jesus' works. Believers are called to an "anticipatory joy" and to actively bring this joy to others.

# See and Hear

John, imprisoned and facing execution, sends his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?". Jesus does not simply say "Yes," but instructs them to "Go and tell John what you hear and see": The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear. The dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. These physical and spiritual healings were prophesied in Isaiah as signs of the Messiah's coming (Isaiah 35 and 61). Jesus highlights that the evidence of his messiahship is all around them, if they are willing to perceive it.

John's doubts likely stemmed from his expectations of a fiery, judgmental Messiah who would overthrow oppressive powers (Matthew 3:11-12), which did not align with Jesus' humble, healing ministry. The passage challenges us to **think** about our own expectations of how God should work. The message for John—and for us—is to look for God's activity in unexpected places and not be "offended" (take no offense) when Christ's path diverges from our preconceived notions.

# Think

**The Gospel suggests that faith is not a passive waiting game but an active engagement with the signs of God's kingdom.**  
**Actively Rejoice:** Believers are called to "rejoice in the Lord" and bring that joy to a world waiting for God's kingdom.  
**Embody the Message:** The church is called to become visible, audible signs of restoration and joy for others, opening eyes and ears to God's presence today.  
**Live with Purpose:** We, like John the Baptist, have a mission to point people to Jesus through our lives and actions. The fulfilment of hope depends on what we do once we can see and hear the good news.

# Do