






**WHAT IS AN INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY?**

Inductive bible study is a way to study and truly understand God's Word through three (3) components: **observation, interpretation and application**

**HOW TO USE THIS WORKSHEET:**

During your bible study time, jot down answers to the following questions to get a better understanding of the passage of scripture you are reading.

<p><b>TOPIC/TEXT:</b> Resistance to the Kingdom Matthew 11:7-15, 20-24</p>	<p><b>Background:</b> Matthew 11:7-15, 20-24 Bible Project P1 - <a href="https://youtu.be/3Dv4-n6OYGI?si=Gvb5E_alQzWq_5ne">https://youtu.be/3Dv4-n6OYGI?si=Gvb5E_alQzWq_5ne</a> Bible Project P2 - <a href="https://youtu.be/GGCF3OPWN14?si=hK0am8gvJPUsHAC">https://youtu.be/GGCF3OPWN14?si=hK0am8gvJPUsHAC</a></p>
<p><b>OBSERVATIONS:</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  ORIGIN         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  PURPOSE         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  CONTEXT         </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  VALUE         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  LIMITATIONS         </div> </div> <p>What do you see?</p>	
<p><b>INTERPRETATION:</b> What is the intended meaning of the text? What is the context?</p>	
<p><b>APPLICATION:</b> How does this apply to me? What did I hear and what will I do?</p>	

## Learning Goals:

1. To **explain** the concept of “already but not yet”
2. To **locate** biblical texts **describing** the Jesus’ identity as the Messiah and John the Baptist’s role as forerunner
3. To **explain** the call to repentance and the condemnation of those who reject Jesus’s message
4. To **apply** the work of the Spirit to our lives with respect to relationships → Power of the Gospel → commitment to Jesus

## Background:

### Who Wrote the Book of Matthew?

While the book itself is anonymous, the earliest reliable Christian tradition links it to Matthew, a tax collector and disciple of Jesus.

## Context

The events described in Matthew take place in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the surrounding occupied lands of the Greco-Roman Empire during the early 1st century, between 10 B.C.E. and 40 C.E. The book was likely composed between 50 and 90 C.E.

## Literary Styles

### Key Themes

- God’s blessing to Israel and the nations
- God closeness to his people
- Hope for and life within the messianic Kingdom of God

### Structure

Matthew is divided into seven parts. Chapters 1-3 and 4-7 introduce Jesus as Messiah and God's Kingdom. Chapters 8-10, 11-13, and 14-20 invite people into the Kingdom's power. Chapters 21-25 and 26-28 conclude with Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

### Recall

- Crete is the island of 100 cities (and churches)
- Titus is in Crete to set things straight that remain in the churches → appoint leaders, sound doctrine
- Qualifications of elders, leaders, pastors
- Crete society → Titus 1:12 – “liars, evil and lazy”
- Sound behaviour → Titus 2
- Jesus Christ – grace incarnate

### Chapter 11-13

This leads into chapters 11-13, where Matthew has collected a group of stories about people responding to Jesus and his message. It’s a mixed bag. Some react positively; they love Jesus and recognize him as the Messiah. Others are neutral; they’re not sure what to make of Jesus. John the Baptist ends up in this group when he makes it clear that Jesus is not what he expected. The reactions of Israel’s leaders are negative, as the Pharisees and Bible teachers reject and challenge Jesus altogether. They think that he’s a false teacher leading the people astray, and they accuse him of blasphemy for his exalted claims of divine authority.

Jesus isn’t surprised or thrown by these diverse responses. In fact, he focuses on them in the third large block of teaching starting in chapter 13. Here, Matthew has collected many of Jesus’ parables about the Kingdom: the farmer throwing seed on four types of soil, the mustard seed, the pearl, and the buried treasure. These parables are like a commentary on the stories that you’ve just read. Some accept Jesus with enthusiasm, while others reject him, but God’s Kingdom will continue spreading despite these obstacles.

Enduring Word - <https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/matthew-11/>

Bible Project - <https://bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-matthew/>

Ligonier - <https://learn.ligonier.org/articles/what-is-kingdom-god>

As we finish chapter 13, we are halfway through Matthew's story of Jesus, and he's raised the key questions about Jesus. How will this tension between Jesus and Israel's leaders play itself out?

#### **A. Jesus and John the Baptist**

- 1. (1-3) John the Baptist's disciples ask a question on behalf of John to Jesus: are You really the Messiah (the Coming One)?**
- 2. (4-6) Jesus' answer to John the Baptist's disciples: tell John that prophecy regarding the Messiah is being fulfilled.**
- 3. (7-15) Jesus speaks about John.**
- 4. (16-19) Jesus rebukes those who refuse to be pleased by either John the Baptist's or Jesus' ministry.**

#### **B. The condemned and the accepted**

- 1. (20-24) Jesus rebukes the cities that did not repent in light of both John the Baptist's ministry and Jesus' own ministry.**
- 2. (25-27) Jesus praises those who do receive His message.**