



Introduction

Jesus gives encouraging evidence to John the Baptist and his followers. He gives a warning to those who ignore the evidence.



Questions

1. What did John tell two of his disciples to ask Jesus?
2. Why did Jesus denounce Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum?
3. What did Jesus thank his Father for?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 6** John sends his disciples to ask if Jesus is the special person promised by the prophets (see theme). Jesus reminds them of his preaching and healing
- **v 7 to 15** Jesus confirms that John the Baptist is his forerunner as foretold by the prophets in the Old Testament
- **v 16 to 19** Jesus tells his listeners that they won't accept him whatever he does
- **v 20 to 24** Three cities are condemned because of their unbelief despite the evidence of Christ's miracles
- **v 25 to 30** Jesus thanks his Father that his message is hid from the clever and revealed to those of a child-like mind. He encourages those who are struggling to come and follow his example of gentleness and humility

Timeline AD 30 (see below)



Theme

Jesus is the promised special person

Christ means anointed. In Biblical times, kings and priests were anointed as a sign of their appointment. So Christ means someone appointed for a special purpose. Other themes show what the Bible tells us this special person will do.

A selection of verses showing that Jesus is the special person referred to as the Christ.

At the start of his gospel, Matthew tells us that Jesus is the Christ:

Matthew 1 verse 16

Shepherds are told that Jesus is the Christ when he is born:

Luke 2 verse 11

The apostle Peter says that he believes that Jesus is the Christ:

Matthew 16 verse 16



A Samaritan woman says that she is expecting the Christ. Jesus confirms that he is the Christ. She then suggests to other Samaritans that Jesus is the Christ:

John 4 verses 25 to 29

The apostle Peter says that the suffering of the Christ predicted by the prophets has happened:

Acts 3 verse 18

When Paul is on trial, as part of his defense, he says that the suffering of the Christ is part of his message:

Acts 26 verse 23

? **Answers to questions**

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 2 and 3, Q 2: v 20, Q 3: v 25



Bible timeline

