

# Real Life Downloaded & In the World

*For February 9, 2025*

**Lesson Focus:** Look to Jesus to find what God desires.

**Bible Basis:** Matthew 11:7–15, 20–24

**Memory (Key) Verse:** Matthew 11:20

**Summary (Lesson Title):** Heeding Wholly

## Step 1

### **CONFIRMING CANDIDATES TO THEIR POSTS**

During the last several weeks, members of the US Senate have been at work after the new administration took office. The president's picks for cabinet and important roles require a majority vote of confirmation, and some of the votes have been extremely close. No matter what side of the aisle is voting, the basic question is, "Is this the right pick for the job?" According to the Constitution, the Senate gives "advice and consent," which means this legislative body must approve or disapprove of each candidate after they have been nominated and examined.

### **CONFIRMING THAT JESUS IS GOD'S PICK**

In the reading from Matthew 11, John the Baptist is seeking confirmation about whether Jesus can do the job of Messiah. John sends messengers to inquire what Jesus has to say, and Jesus ends up being the one making confirmation—confirmation that John was a prophet sent by God, preparing the way for one who was greater.

### **Questions**

1. How do you determine whether someone is the right candidate to do a job? What do you look for on a resume?
2. When have you recently struggled to explain yourself to someone else?
3. What makes Jesus uniquely qualified to be God's pick, the Messiah and the one to follow?

### **Additional Links**

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1. Contemporary Worship Weekly  
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4JGkwp5ZDf5Eww31SGcF4n?si=63d4fa10ddfa47aa>
2. Echoes Worship Weekly  
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2psN0hA48H9lyh6vjC5KKb?si=3ef5bb07ee15409e>

3. Traditional Worship Weekly  
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2utAcyXMWglyBYmM6iBLfi?si=26c938e689ad4d1f>
4. Dale Allison Jr.'s "Commentary on Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30"  
<https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/ordinary-14/commentary-on-matthew-1116-19-25-30-3>
5. Nicholas J. Schaser's "Commentary on Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30"  
<https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/ordinary-14/commentary-on-matthew-1116-19-25-30-6>
6. Video: BibleProject's "Character Insight: John the Baptizer"  
<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/character-insight-john-baptizer/>

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