1 **Matthew 11:1-6**

• Matt 11:1 And it came to be, when יהושע ended instructing His twelve taught ones, that He set out from there to teach and to proclaim in their cities.2And when Yoḥanan had heard in the prison of the works of Messiah, he sent two of his taught ones3and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"4And יהושע answering, said to them, "Go, report to Yoḥanan what you hear and see:5"Blind receive sight and lame walk, lepers are cleansed and deaf hear, dead are raised up and poor are brought the Good News.6"And blessed is he who does not stumble in Me."

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- Matt 11:7 And as these were going, יהושע began to say to the crowds concerning Yoḥanan, "What did you go out into the wilderness (Arabah-Dessert-Qumron) to see? A reed shaken by the wind?8"But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft garments? Look, those wearing soft garments are in the houses of sovereigns.9"But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.10"For this is he of whom it was written, 'See, I send My messenger before Your face, who shall prepare Your way before You.'
- Mal 3:1 "See, I am sending My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me. Then suddenly the Master you are seeking comes to His Hekal, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. See, He is coming," said יהוה of hosts.

4 Pharisees Question John...

• Matt 3:11And in those days Yoḥanan the Immerser came proclaiming in the wilderness of Yehudah, 2and saying, "Repent, for the reign of the heavens has come near!" 3For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Yeshayahu, saying, "A voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of יהוה', make His paths straight.' " (Is 40:3) 7 And seeing many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his immersion, he said to them, "Brood of adders! Who has warned you to flee from the coming wrath?... John 1:2222Therefore they said to him, "Who are you, so that we give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" 23He said, "I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of יהוה (Qumron Answer) as the prophet Yeshayahu said." 24And those sent were of the Pharisees, 25and they asked him, saying, "Why then do (Authority!?) you immerse if you are not the Messiah, nor Ěliyahu, nor the Prophet?" (Sarcasm)

5 Dead Sea Scrolls 1Qs. Pg 131

• The instructor must not reprove the Men of the pit, nor argue with them about proper biblical understanding. Quite the contrary: he should conceal his own insight into the law when among perverse men. He shall save reproof-itself founded on true knowledge and righteous judgement-for those who have chosen THE WAY, treating each as his spiritual qualities and the precepts of the era require. He shall ground them in knowledge thereby instructing them in truly wondrous mysteries: if then the secret WAY is perfected among the men of the Yachad, each will walk blamelessly his fellow, guided by what has been revealed to them. That will be the time of "preparing the way in the dessert" (Is 40:3)...These are the precepts of the WAY.

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6 **Matthew 11...**

- 11"Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than Yoḥanan the Immerser, yet the least one in the reign of the heavens is greater than he.12"And from the days of Yoḥanan the Immerser till now the reign of the heavens is violated, and the violent seize it.13"For all the prophets and the Torah prophesied till Yoḥanan.14"And if you wish to accept it, he is Ěliyahu who was about to come.
- Matt 15:11Then there came to יהושע scribes and Pharisees from Yerushalayim, saying,2Why do Your taught ones transgress the (Oral-Torah) tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.3But He answering, said to them, "Why do you also transgress the command of Elohim because of your tradition?...1212Then His taught ones came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees stumbled when they heard this word?"13But He answering, said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted shall be uprooted.14"Leave them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both shall fall into a

7 Oral Torah...Authority Of Rabbinical Judaism

- Lo Bat Shamayim he... It is not from heaven
- Deut 30:12....11 "For this command which I am commanding you today, it is not too hard for you, nor is it far off.12"It is not in the heavens, to say, 'Who shall ascend into the heavens for us, and bring it to us, and cause us to hear it, so that we do it?'13Nor is it beyond the sea, to say, 'Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it to us, and cause us to hear it, so that we do it?' "14"For the Word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart to do it. (Romans 10:5-9)
- Exodus 23:2 Do not follow a crowd to do evil, nor bear witness in a strife so as to turn aside after many, to turn aside what is right. (Can-good)... Incline after the many {Acharei Rabim Lhatot} (Rabbinic Talmudic Democracy)
- CORE teaching....Matt 11:25 At that time יהושע responding, said, "I thank You, Father, Master of the heavens and earth, because You have hidden these matters from clever and learned (Pharisee/Sadducee) ones and have revealed them to babes (From Heaven).
- Jn 6:38"Because I have come down out of the heaven, not to do My own desire, but the desire of Him who sent Me....4141Therefore the Yehudim were grumbling against Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down out of the heaven."42And they said, "Is not this יהושע, the son of Yosĕph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down out of the heaven'?"

8 Intro To The Mishna...Maimonedes

- If there are 1000 prophets, all of them of the same stature as Elijah and Elisha, giving a certain interpretation, and 1001 Rabbis giving the opposite interpretation you shall "incline after the majority" and the law (Torah) according to the 1001 Rabbis, not according to the 1000 venerable prophets. God did not permit us to learn from the prophets, only from the Rabbis, who are men of logic and reason.
- Matt 11:13 "For all the prophets and the Torah prophesied till Yohanan.14"And if you wish to accept it, he is Ěliyahu who was about to come.

9 From Heaven Or Men

• Matt 21:2323And when He had come into the Set-apart Place, the chief priests and the elders (Sadducees/Pharisees) of the people came to Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these? And who gave You this authority?"24And יהושע answering, said to them, "I shall ask you one question too, which if you answer Me, I also shall say to you by what authority I do these:25The immersion of Yoḥanan, where did it come from? From heaven or from men? So they reasoned among themselves, {Acharei Rabim Lhatot} saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He shall say to us, 'Then why did you not believe him?'26But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the crowd, for all hold Yoḥanan as a prophet.27And they answered יהושע and said, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither do I say to you by what authority I do these. (THATS A QUMRON ANSWER!)

10 Qumron Answer Too!

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- Is 61:1The Spirit of the Master יהוה is upon Me, because יהוה has anointed Me to bring good news to the meek. He has sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim release to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound,
- ...Blind see???...
- !!!! Dead Are Raised??????

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- Col 2. ...For the heavens and the earth shall listen to His Messiah {and all} which is in them shall not turn away the commandment of the holy ones...7. For he will honor the pious upon the throne of His eternal kingdom, setting prisoners free, opening the eyes of the blind, raising up those who are bowed down. (Ps 146-7-8) And forever I shall hold fast to those who hoped in his faithfulness shall all... and the fruit of good deeds shall not be delayed for anyone and the Lord shall do glorious things which have not been done, just as he said. For he shall heal the critically wounded, He shall revive the dead, he shall send good news to the afflicted (Is 61:1), He shall satisfy the poor, he shall guide the uprooted, He shall make the hungry rich,
- Was John From the Qumron Community...Oh Yeah!

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