

Jesus calls his attention to Isa 35:5-6; 42:18; 61:1  
Blessed are those who don't take offense at me  
allusion to Isa 8:14?

Jesus' eulogy on John the Baptist (7-15)  
John fulfills Mal 3:10  
no greater person of natural birth, but least  
resurrected believer will be greater  
verse 12 tough: 2 alternatives  
need violence to get into kingdom  
kingdom afflicted by opponents  
a great change w/ coming of John, the "Elijah" of  
the first coming  
Jesus' rebuke to that generation (16-19)  
like crabby children who don't want to play any  
game offered

Woe to Unrepentant Cities (20-24)  
Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum  
far greater evidence given than to Tyre, Sidon, Sodom  
so far greater judgment

Come to Me and Rest (25-30)  
the so-called "bolt from the Johannine heaven"  
shows Jesus did talk like Gospel of John says  
God's mercy to children/simple  
mystery of Jesus' person  
Jesus as revealer of Father  
come, my yoke is easy

### More Controversy (ch 12)

Plucking Grain on the Sabbath (1-8)  
Pharisees object that disciples are working on Sabb  
cp 39 labors of rabbinic literature and question  
of minimal amount of work needed to violate Sabb  
Example of David  
need to satisfy hunger overrides showbread law?  
Example of priests  
need to serve God overrides Sabbath regulations  
Something greater than temple is present!  
Jesus (as Son of Man) is Lord of Sabbath  
prob an allusion to Dan 7:13-14

Man with Withered Hand (9-14)  
Another Sabbath controversy: Is it lawful to heal?  
Jesus' response: Is it lawful to rescue a sheep? How  
much more to rescue a human! Therefore, it is  
lawful to do good on the Sabbath.  
Heals him, but opponents now begin to plot his death

The Chosen Servant (15-21)