A cinematic still from a film depicting Jesus with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a grey robe over a white tunic. He is looking down at the hand of an elderly man with a weathered, aged face and a white head covering. The man is wearing a dark, striped robe. They are in a stone-walled outdoor setting with other people in the background. The text "Matthew 11-12; Luke 11" is overlaid in white, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

Matthew 11-12; Luke 11

Come, Follow Me

Jesus is accused of casting out devils by Beelzebub

Luke 11.14-36, Matthew 12.22-30; Mark 3.19-27

Matt. 12.27 Greek: καὶ εἰ ἐγὼ ἐν Βεελζεβοῦλ ἐκβάλλω τὰ δαιμόνια οἱ υἱοὶ ὑμῶν ἐν τίνι ἐκβάλλουσιν διὰ τοῦτο αὐτοὶ ὑμῶν ἔσονται κριταὶ

“And if I in *the power* of Beelzebub cast out demons, **then by who** do your children **cast out the demons**? So through this *logic* they will be your judges!



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This question put the Pharisees in a predicament. Like the question, 'The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?' (Luke 20.4), any answer they gave would eliminate their argument.



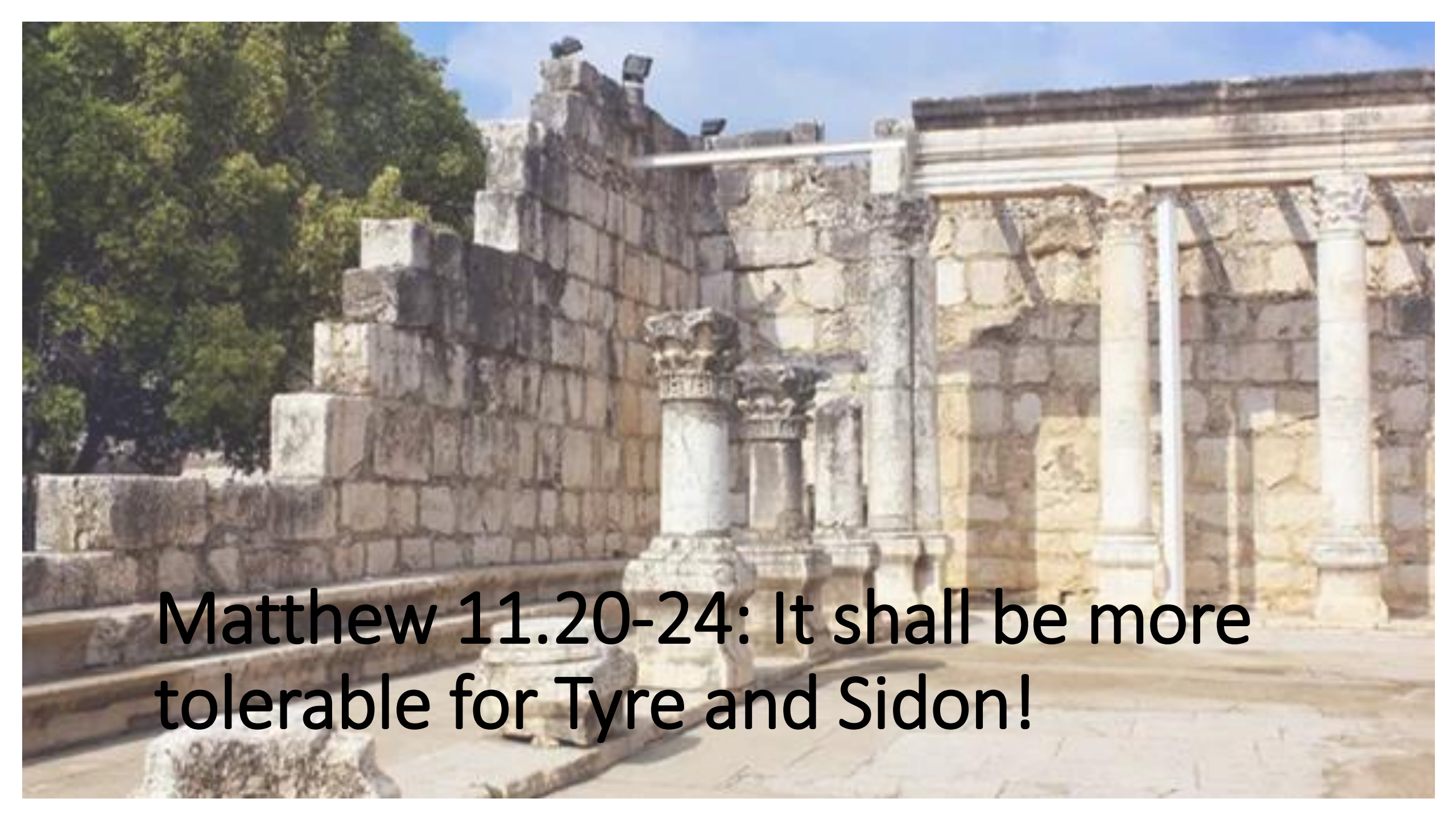
Jesus eats with a certain Pharisee – Luke 11.37-54



Woe unto you! For you build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them! (Luke 11.47)

Killing the Prophets

1. Isaiah (sawn asunder according to tradition).
2. Jeremiah (stoned in Egypt according to tradition).
3. Zechariah, stoned in the temple (not the prophet – 2 Chron. 24.20-22)
4. Elijah was pursued by Jezebel (1 Kgs 19).
5. King Josiah kills the "*Cemariam*" (2 Kgs 23.5-20).
6. Zenock and Zenos were slain for their testimony (Hel. 8.19; Alma 33.15-17).

The image shows a scene of ancient stone ruins. In the foreground, there are several stone columns of varying heights and widths, some with decorative capitals. The columns are set against a backdrop of a large, multi-story stone wall made of rectangular blocks. To the left, there are more ruins, including what appears to be a set of steps or a low wall. The background features lush green trees under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is one of historical decay and archaeological interest.

Matthew 11.20-24: It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon!



Matthew 11.25-30:
My yoke is easy and
my burden is light



Finding Rest

This is a very special form of rest resulting from the shedding of certain needless burdens: fatiguing insincerity, exhausting hypocrisy, and the strength-sapping quest for recognition, praise, and power. Those of us who fall short, in one way or another, often do so because we carry such unnecessary and heavy baggage. Being overloaded, we sometimes stumble, and then we feel sorry for ourselves."

(Elder Neal A. Maxwell, "Meek and Lowly" as found in *The Neal A. Maxwell quote book*, Bookcraft, 1997, p. 35.)

Matthew 12.1-13: It is lawful to do well on the Sabbath

At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungered, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. (Matt. 12.1)



Matthew 12.10-
13: Jesus heals
the withered
hand



Matthew 12.14-21: The Pharisees council how to destroy Jesus, Matthew quotes Isaiah

Jesus quotes Isaiah 42.1-4:

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law. (Isaiah 42.1-4)



Matthew 12.31-37; Mark 3.28-30: No Forgiveness for Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost

Joseph Smith taught:

"All sins shall be forgiven, except the sin against the Holy Ghost; for Jesus will save all except the sons of perdition. What must a man do to commit the unpardonable sin? ***He must receive the Holy Ghost, have the heavens opened unto him, and know God, and then sin against Him.*** After a man has sinned against the Holy Ghost, there is no repentance for him.



Matthew 12.31-37; Mark 3.28-30: No Forgiveness for Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost

Joseph Smith taught:

He has got to say that the sun does not shine while he sees it; he has got to deny Jesus Christ when the heavens have been opened unto him, and to deny the plan of salvation with his eyes open to the truth of it; and from that time he begins to be an enemy.'

(See: Kent P. Jackson, ed., [*Studies in Scripture, Vol. 8: Alma 30 to Moroni*](#), Deseret Book, 2004, p. 49-50.)



Matthew 12.38-45: Jesus discusses signs

Γενεὰ πονηρὰ καὶ μοιχαλὶς
σημεῖον ἐπιζητεῖ

“An evil and adulterous^[1]
generation seeks a sign!”

(Matt. 12.39b)

^[1] μοιχαλὶς, from μοιχός – an adulterer, also figuratively as one who is faithless towards God, or the ungodly.



Signs are given for a purpose:

1. To help those who desire to follow Christ to believe: (Hel. 14.12, 28-29; 16.5).
2. To leave the wicked without an excuse, so that a “righteous judgment” might come upon them: (Hel.14.29; Hel. 15.17; D&C 88.82).