

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS – 9/10/25



*“And from the days of John the Baptist until now
the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the
violent take it by force.”*

– from Matthew 11:12 NKJV

Violence



Matthew 11:12 NIV

“The kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent **people** have been raiding it.”

Galatians 2:9,11 NLT

“In fact, James, Peter, and John, who were known as pillars of the church, **recognized** the gift God had given me, and they accepted Barnabas and me as their co-workers. They **encouraged** us to keep preaching to the Gentiles, while they continued their work with the Jews.... But when Peter came to **Antioch** [in Galatia], I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very **wrong**.”

2 Peter 3:15-16 NLT

“And remember, the Lord’s patience gives people **TIME** to be saved. This is what our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom God gave him—speaking of these things in all of his letters. Honestly, some of his comments ARE **hard** to understand, and those who are ignorant and unstable have twisted his letters to mean something quite different, just as they do with other parts of Scripture. But this WILL result in THEIR destruction.”

BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS [from Gk. ‘hermeneuein’ – to interpret; ex. Hermes]

[to help us to know how to properly interpret, understand, and apply the Bible. It is a command.]

2 Timothy 2:15 LSB

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman....accurately handling the Word of Truth.”

Basic Rules – 1. CONTEXT is king. 2. Always compare Scripture with Scripture [literal].

Matthew 11:11 LSB

“Truly I say to you, among those born of **women** there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Matthew 11:13-14 NLT

“For before John came, all the prophets and the law of **Moses** looked forward to this present time. And if you are willing to accept what I say, he [John] is **Elijah** – the one the prophets said would come.”

Malachi 4:5 LSB / ESV

“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and **awesome** day of Yahweh.”

Matthew 11:15 NLT

“Anyone with ears to hear [let him hear] should **listen** and understand!”

Mark 1:4-5 (after quote from Isaiah) NLT

“This messenger was John the **Baptist**. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. **All** of Judea, including **all** the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.”

Matthew 14:5 NLT

“**Herod** wanted to kill John, but he was afraid of a riot, because all the people believed John was a **prophet**.”

Luke 5:15 NLT

“But despite Jesus’ instructions, the report of His **power** spread even faster, and **vast** crowds came to hear Him preach and to be healed of their diseases.”

John 6:15 ESV

“Perceiving then that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him **king**, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain [hills] by Himself.”