

The image shows the spine of an old, thick book with many pages, bound in dark brown leather. The book is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its spine facing right. The pages are aged and yellowed, and the leather shows signs of wear and tear. The background is a dark, solid color, possibly black or dark brown, which makes the book and the text stand out.

Matthew's Messiah

*The life and ministry of Jesus
from Matthew's perspective*

After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee.

² When John, who was in prison,
heard about the deeds of the
Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask
him, “Are you the one who is to
come, or should we expect
someone else?”

⁴ Jesus replied, Go back and report to John what you hear and see:

⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear,

the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

⁶ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.

⁷ As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: **What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind?**

⁸ If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. ⁹ Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

10 This is the one about whom
it is written:

*'I will send my messenger ahead of
you, who will prepare your way
before you.'*

11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it.

13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. **14** And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come.

15 Whoever has ears, let them hear.

16 To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

17 *'We played the pipe for you,
and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you did not mourn.'*

18 For John came neither eating nor
drinking, and they say,
'He has a demon.'

19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'

But wisdom is proved right
by her deeds.

*“Are you the one who is to
come, or should we expect
someone else?” v3*

Have you
(or someone close to you)
ever struggled with
bouts of doubt?