

**THE TRUE GOSPEL**  
**100 SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

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**THE KINGDOM SUFFERS VIOLENCE**

Mat 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN** suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Mat 11:13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John

Note: The Kingdom of Heaven is the salvation being offered to us by God according to the scriptures we have read so far, where we will sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (See # 13) and be greater than John the Baptist (See # 15). So it does not really make sense to say, as it seems to say here, that the Kingdom of Heaven is vulnerable to being taken forcefully by violent men. The explanation of this problem is that in Mat 11:12 the word 'violence' is the Greek 'biazo' meaning to force or to crowd oneself into. The word 'violent' is the Greek 'biastes', meaning the violent forcer or energetic.

In Luke 16:16 the word 'presseth' is the same Greek word that was translated 'violence' in Matthew.

\* Luk 16:16 The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the Kingdom of God is preached and every man presseth into it.

So the meaning of these verses must be that John the Baptist was the first to open up the knowledge of the Kingdom of Heaven to mankind as the way to salvation, and since then, everyone who is **ENERGETIC** or **ZEALOUS** to obtain the Kingdom of Heaven is **FORCEFULLY PRESSING** his way into it.