

## MATT. 11:1 - 6: "ARE YOU THE ONE?" WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU DOUBT GOD.

I don't think any of us has invested as much of ourselves into someone else as John the Baptist did into the introduction of Jesus to the world. He was "all in" for Jesus as the Messiah. We have to remember that the Jews of the first century were looking for a \_\_\_\_\_ king - the Messiah we read about in the Millennium - who would come and overthrow Roman tyranny, and free Israel.

And remember this: John was born a few months before Jesus was - and Jesus started His public ministry when He was 30 - so John has been preparing the way for \_\_\_\_\_! (Don't get discouraged when God takes His time answering your prayers!)

Matt. 14

### I. DOUBT ISN'T \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus did not rebuke the question. Doubt is NOT the same as unbelief. Doubt is NOT the opposite of faith.

### II. WHAT CAUSES DOUBT?

A. Circumstances can \_\_\_\_\_ us.

B. Expectations can \_\_\_\_\_ us.

C. Incomplete information can \_\_\_\_\_ us. Matt. 11:2 - John HEARD - it seems that once John had baptized Jesus, he lost touch with Him. After the baptism, Jesus was led to the wilderness to be tempted - (Matt. 4:1); and when He got back, he heard that John had been imprisoned (Matt. 4:12) So John hadn't had a chance to sit down and talk with Jesus - He hadn't heard the Sermon on the Mount - He hadn't been taught that Jesus was NOT coming this time as the King, but as the Saviour.

### III. HOW TO HANDLE DOUBT

He asked the right question. He asked the right person. He got the right answer.

A. Take your doubts to \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Study the evidence. Be \_\_\_\_\_! Luke 7:20-21: When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'" At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: 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.

Let's be honest - sometimes our doubts come because we've not spent time with God recently.

C. Stay \_\_\_\_\_, regardless of your feelings and questions.

Am I going to stay true to Christ, regardless?

