



Introduction: What causes doubt in the Christian life?

I. Jesus' _____ – 11:1

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II. John's _____ – 11:2-7

2 And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples 3 and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" 4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things

which you hear and see: 5 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. 6 And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”

John the Baptist had been arrested by _____, the son of Herod the Great (See Matthew 14:3-5), and while in prison he had heard about the works of Christ, and so he sent two of his disciples to Jesus to ask Him,

“Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”

John 1:29 - *“Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.”*

John was having a crisis of _____. He was questioning in his heart what he had been proclaiming about Jesus Christ.

David Platt shares three reasons why doubt arises in our hearts:

1. We can doubt when we are in difficult _____.
2. We can doubt when we have _____ expectations.
3. We can doubt when we have a limited _____.

You have got to love the words found here in verse 4, *“Go and tell John the things which you hear and see:”*

And then we have a great list of Jesus’ earthly miracles:

Get this –

Read: Luke 7:20-23

Do you recall the _____ of miracles?

Note that Jesus said, *“And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”*

III. John’s _____ – 11:7-11

7 As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?
8 But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 9 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.

In verse 7, the two disciples of John the Baptist depart, and so Jesus turns the crowd to talk to them about the ministry of John the Baptist.

Three Questions about John the Baptist

1. What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A _____ shaken in the wind?
2. What did you go out to see? A man clothed in _____ garments?
3. "But what did you go out to see? A _____? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet."

Underline the word "more" for it can be translated, as "_____."

Verse 10, For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.'

Verse 11, Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

No one _____ than John the Baptist.

Doubt doesn't erase your _____ or your _____.

The last part of verse 11, but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

IV. John's _____ – 11:12-13

12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John 14 And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

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“For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.”

3. A ministry of _____ – 11:14

And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come.

Verse 15, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Conclusion: So, what are the _____ truths that we have looked at in this section of Matthew 11? Here they are:

1. Jesus is the master trainer, teacher, and _____. No one ever taught and preached like Him.
2. A crisis of _____ is not the end of faith.
3. Jesus’ ministry continues through His _____ today.
4. There has not been a greater _____ born of women than John the Baptist.
5. Those _____ in God’s kingdom are greater than John. Don’t forget that the least will play a significant role in God’s kingdom.
6. John the Baptist was _____ to come.
7. He who has ears to hear let him _____. Take in what is _____.