

## **Jesus Answers Our Doubts**

**Luke 7:18–23**

### **What Does The Bible Say?**

2 John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, (Matthew 11:2 NLT)

19 and he sent them to the Lord to ask him, “Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?” (Luke 7:19 NLT)

20 John’s two disciples found Jesus and said to him, “John the Baptist sent us to ask, ‘Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?’ ” (Luke 7:20 NLT)

21 At that very time, Jesus cured many people of their diseases, illnesses, and evil spirits, and he restored sight to many who were blind. 22 Then he told John's disciples, "Go back to John and tell him what you have seen and heard—the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor." (Luke 7:21–22 NLT)

23 And he added, "God blesses those who do not turn away because of me." (Luke 7:23 NLT)

**What does this passage say about God?**

**We should never be ashamed of Christ or our relationship with Him.**

**How Can You Obey?**

**Acknowledge Your Doubt.**

**Seek Wisdom in Scripture.**

**Engage in Community.**

**Embrace Prayer and Meditation.**

**Reflect on Past Experiences.**

**What is your takeaway?**

**Additional Notes:**

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produced short videos to train you to use your home to reach others for Christ. So please check it out.

### **Explore:**

Christianity is about more than attending church and living a good moral life. Being a Christian is about having a vibrant personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Every Sunday School teacher or Bible study leader should want to see each learner enter into this relationship—their eternal destiny depends on it.

As you work toward this goal, keep the following in mind:

Following Christ is more than a mere decision; it is about a lifelong relationship. Jesus called us to make disciples, not mere decision-makers. Aim for long-term faith, not momentary emotion.

Salvation is a matter of grace, not works. Our works do not save us (Ephesians 2:8-9), nor do they keep us (Galatians 3:2-6).

Good works are a product of salvation, not a prerequisite to it.

Don't confuse sanctification with salvation. Holiness follows salvation; it doesn't precede it. Don't try to impose "Christian" expectations on men and women who don't know Christ.

- Keep it simple. Being born again is not complicated. Here's a simple way to explain it:

- Acknowledge your sinfulness and need for a Savior (Romans 3:10, 23).

- Trust in Christ's sacrifice for your sins and His resurrection (Romans 10:9-10).

Surrender your life to God's transforming power (Romans 12:1-2).

Remember that your job is to tell the truth in a way others can understand, answer their questions, and allow them to respond.

If you do that faithfully, some will respond and join the band of Christ- followers. When they do, Heaven will rejoice!

### **Question 1 of 4**

Why do people at times doubt their faith in God? Is this always bad?

### **Question 2 of 4**

Does it give you pause or encourage you that John the Baptist had doubts about Jesus being the Messiah?

### **Question 3 of 4**

Why do you think God can handle our doubts about Him? Why does it not anger him that we doubt His existence or His power?

### **Question 4 of 4**

Are Jesus' actions and teachings enough to convince you He is the Messiah of God? Why or why not?

