

# WHAT TO DO WITH DOUBT

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**Matthew 11:1-6** New English Translation

When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their towns. <sup>2</sup> Now when John heard in prison about the deeds Christ had done, he sent his disciples to ask a question: <sup>3</sup> “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, “Go tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news proclaimed to them. <sup>6</sup> Blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

**1. Jesus said, “no one greater than John the Baptist has appeared\*” but even John had doubts. (\*Matt. 11:11).**

What causes John to question:

## 1. Difficult Circumstances

*Matt. 11:2 When John, who was in prison...”*

## 2. Worldly Influences

*Matt. 11:3 “should we expect someone else?”*

*“Perspective is all-important. How we view and react to circumstances is more important than the circumstances themselves. Paul lived with total trust in God’s purposes, not because he knew the future but because he trusted God’s own words, ‘God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.’ -John MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Ephesians. pg. 87-88*

**2. Jesus’ recipe to overcome doubt is to evaluate His legitimacy in light of scripture.**

Matthew 11:4-5 *Jesus answered them, “Go tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news proclaimed to them.*

*(See: Isaiah 26:19; 29:18; 35:5&6; 58:8; 61:1)*

**3. There is a danger in not getting past being offended by Jesus’ life and teachings. Jesus reminds us that when we fail to accept Him and His teachings we’ll miss out on the good life He intended for us to enjoy.**

Matthew 11:6 *“**Blessed** is anyone who takes **no offense** at me.”*

John 6:68&69 *Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup> and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”*

If you really want this great blessedness, first you have to wrestle with the offensiveness of Jesus. If you don’t feel the offensiveness of Jesus or see him as offensive, you haven’t come to grips with who he is. The real Jesus is incredibly offensive, because he says things that imply you have to completely be sold out for him, lay it all down in him and rest on him alone. - Tim Keller “Are You The One” Sept. 7 2014

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