

Jesus and John the Baptist - Matthew 11:1-19

Topics: Assumptions, Beliefs, Circumstances, Confusion, Doubt, Feelings, Greatness, Hope, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Maturity, Miracles, Surprises, Trust, World, Zeal

Open It

- * 1. What causes people to second-guess themselves?
- 2. Other than Jesus Christ, who, in your opinion, was the greatest person who ever lived? Why?
- 3. Of everything you know about Christ, what surprises you most?

Explore It

- 4. What did Jesus do while His disciples were out on their mission trip? (11:1)
- * 5. What message or question did John the Baptist send to Christ from prison? (11:2-3)
- * 6. What instructions did Jesus give to John's messenger? (11:4)
- * 7. What kind of proof did Jesus offer to establish His claim to be the Messiah? (11:5)
- 8. What things did Jesus say John the Baptist was not? (11:7)
- 9. How did Jesus identify John? (11:9-10)
- 10. What high compliment did Jesus pay John? (11:11)
- 11. Why was John's life and ministry significant? (11:10)
- 12. What did Jesus claim about the kingdom of heaven? (11:12)
- 13. Whose prophetic role did Jesus say John was fulfilling? (11:14)
- 14. How did Jesus compare His generation to children? (11:16-17)
- 15. What criticism did John the Baptist receive? Why? (11:18)
- 16. What frequent charge was leveled at Jesus? Why? (11:19)

Get It

- 17. If you faithfully lived for God and were thrown in jail, how do you think you might react?
- * 18. Based on this passage, how do you think Jesus reacts when we have moments of weakness and doubts about our faith?
- * 19. How do you personally handle doubts when they come?
- 20. Why do you believe that Jesus is God's Son and the Savior of the world?
- 21. What have you seen and heard about Jesus that you could tell others?
- 22. If Jesus were physically here today and began talking about you at a press conference, what kinds of remarks would he make?
- 23. In what ways is the work of God advancing in your life or in your circle of influence?

Apply It

- 24. What words of comfort could you share this week with a Christian who happens to be dealing with doubt?
- * 25. What specific actions can you take today to strengthen a weak area of faith?
- 26. What immature attitude or action do you need to change today in order to develop more fully in your faith?