
'In Defense of a Doubter'
Discovering the Real Jesus
Luke 7:18-35 ESV

1) Doubting often develops from confusion over mis-understandings and unfulfilled expectations in difficult, unfair and even unexplainable circumstances. **vs18-23**

*18The disciples of John reported all **these things** to Him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying: Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another? ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said: John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?' ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them: Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me. **vs 18-23***

2) Let Jesus 'Words' and His followers advocate for you, not you yourself. **vs24-28**

²⁴When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

*'Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.'*

*²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he. **vs. 24-28***

3) Those rejecting the purpose of God by not admitting their sin and surrendering to Jesus will often justify themselves and find something to judge Jesus on. **v29-35**

²⁹(When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, ³⁰but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.) ³¹To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? ³²They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another: We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep. ³³For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and

drinking no wine, and you say: He has a demon. ³⁴The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say: Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners! ³⁵Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."

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