

**“Did You Ever Wonder If It Is All True?  
*Have you Ever Doubted?*”  
Matthew 11: 1-15**

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Verse 1 - 6

**Are you really the Messiah?**

**With Holy Spirit guts, John confronts Herod Antipas, ruler of Galilee, with his sin**

*It cost him his life!*

**John was not silent about sin, and neither should we!**

**Post Christian American values and morals have permeated the so-called church – *TRAGIC!!***

**The Bible is honest:**

*John is in prison having doubts*

**For any of us, the right stressor at the wrong time, and the doubt flood gates can open**



**SATAN'S**

FAVORITE ARROWS



***DOUBT!!***

Satan's "**DOUBT**" target = *your mind!*

Jesus counters the "**DOUBT**" barrage with the  
**TRUTH!**

**TRUTH:**

God is with me

God is in control

God will take care of this

Somehow, sometime, **GOD!**

**Do not allow doubt to marinate and soak into your soul**

**Deal with doubt before doubt deals with you!**

**Speak the TRUTH!**

**Speak God's Word**

**Speak it out loud**

**Speak life into your soul and your mind!!**

**“DOUBT YOUR DOUBTS BEFORE YOU DOUBT  
YOUR BELIEFS.”**



Verse 7 - 10

**Momentary doubt does not  
define a life**

**John was a man of steel, honor, and integrity;  
even he succumbed to doubt**

**The right stressor at the wrong time and doubt  
can creep in**

**Momentary doubt does not define a life!**

**It is important to not live in doubt -**

***COUNTER WITH THE TRUTH!***

Verse 11

**Earthly great does not equate  
with Kingdom Great**

## **John knew a lot about Jesus!**

**He was intimately acquainted with Him, but did not have full revelation of Him**

**In the Kingdom, every believer will see Jesus as He is – ***KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS!*****

**Every Kingdom dweller will know more about Jesus than John did while on earth!**

**Scripture speaks of rewards or loss of rewards in the Kingdom:**

Matthew 16: 27

Matthew 25: 14-30

Matthew 19: 29

Romans 2: 5-6

1 Corinthians 3: 11-15

2 Timothy 2: 14

**Being great in God's Kingdom is not about prestige or privilege, rather it involves responsibility and sacrifice**

**There will be no believing braggers in the Kingdom; no jealousy in the Kingdom – *COOL!***

Verse 12

The Kingdom of Heaven suffers  
violence - *WHUTT?!?*

**Jesus' offer of the Kingdom resulted in opposition from the Jewish authorities and the people**

**It seems that in Jesus' day, men wanted the Kingdom on their terms**

**The violent resisted the movement taught by John the Baptist, Jesus, and the Apostles**

**The violent wanted the Kingdom their way -  
*defeat Rome and make us great, Jesus!***

**Jesus had to die for the sins of the world**

*He had to be their Savior before He  
could be their King*

**Today, violent men reject Jesus' rule in their  
lives**

**This violence will continue until Jesus returns  
and establishes peace on earth and good will  
toward men**



Verse 13 - 15

**The Prophets longed for this day -  
*MESSIAH IS COMING!!***

**The Jewish people, trampled by world empires  
(*Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome*), are hated today**

**Against all odds, against constant Satan and  
world attacks, Israel (*the wife of Jehovah*)  
survives and thrives today**

**Why?**

***The answer loud and clear – GOD!!***

50 Years

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1945

**World War II; The Holocaust**

Jews Flee Nazi Persecution

May 14, 1948

**The Rebirth of Israel**

First Arab-Israeli War

1956

Second Arab-Israeli War

1967

**Six-Day War; Jews Regain Jerusalem**

(Third Arab-Israeli War)

1973

Yom-Kippur War (Fourth Arab-Israeli War)

1982

First Lebanon War (PLO)

1987-1993

First Palestinian Intifada

2000-2005

Second Palestinian Intifada

2006

Second Lebanon War (Hezbollah)

2013-

Threats from Russia, Iran, Egypt, Syria, and Turkey

2017

**Trump Declares Jerusalem Capital of Israel**

with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out." Ezekiel 20:33-34

Done for the Lord's namesake, not for Israel's sake. Ezekiel 36:17-24

Reborn in a single day and as one nation, no more two divided kingdoms. Ezekiel 37:16-22; Isaiah 66:7-8

Brought back from the dead to have "an exceedingly great army". Ezekiel 37:1-22

**Wars and Rumors of Wars**

"We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace". Jer. 30:5

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars". Matt. 24:6

Magog and its allies assemble. Ezek. 38:1-9

**In 1867, author Mark Twain came to the Holy Land.**



**"A desolation is here that not even imagination can grace with the pomp of life and action."**

**"I would not desire to live here. It is a hopeless, dreary, heartbroken land."**





John was the last in a long line of prophets with a message, ***“Messiah is coming, He is here now!”***

Had the nation received the Kingdom offer, then John would have fulfilled a type of Elijah

*I will turn the heart of the fathers to their children...*

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

*Malachi 4:5-6 NKJV*

*A Father's* INFLUENCE

***“He who has ears to hear let him hear”***

Anytime you hear the Word of God proclaimed,  
it's personal, ***God's mouth to your soul!!***

**CLOSING:**

***Do you ever doubt if Jesus is real, and if the  
rest of the world is right and we are wrong?***



## DOUBT CORRECTORS:

- 1) Jesus' Life – He actually existed; no one credible doubts this
- 2) Bible Prophecy – The Bible is the only Holy Book with fulfilled prophecy
- 3) The Existence of the Jewish Nation – The only people group dispersed and relocated to their homeland, *just as the Bible prophesied!*
- 4) The Creation Account – Evolution or Creation  
Can something come from nothing and that something has morals?

5) **Einstein's Theory of Relativity** – Has been confirmed, space, time and matter are co-relative, you can't have one without the other. They came into existence at the same moment.  
Why? How?

6) **The Anthropic Argument** – The universe has been fine tuned for human life; the environment is perfect for us. Coincidence, blind luck?  
What do you think?

**Doubt can happen to anyone; the right stressor at the wrong time and doubt can come in**

**Remember Church:**

*We counter doubt by simply knowing the **TRUTH!***

**DOUBT – What is it good for?**

***Absolutely nothing!!***

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