

## Doubting John?

Doubting Thomas is well known in the gospels' accounts of Jesus' life. But did John the Baptist have doubts about Jesus as well? Luke 7:18-23 reveals that yes, even John the Baptist experienced doubts concerning Jesus. And this is carefully recorded in scripture for our benefit.

Consider...

### 1. The Question

- a. Who is John the Baptist? v. 18
- b. What does his question mean? vs. 19-20

### 2. The Answer

- a. Jesus demonstrates his power v. 21
- b. Jesus describes his ministry v. 22
- c. NOTE: he adds nothing to the ministry he has performed up to this point in his ministry!

### 3. The Blessing

- a. Blessed is the one who is not offended **by Jesus** v. 23
- b. How was John tempted to be offended?
- c. How might we be offended by Jesus?

### Application:

1. When we are offended by Jesus and what he taught and did, what should we do?
2. Which "the one" are you most concerned about? The "one" of v. 19, or the "one" of v. 23?