

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*?