

## Questions, Quotes and Notes

December 4, 2022

Luke 7:18-23: Jesus and Your Doubts

**Pre-Sermon:** Here are some questions to think about to get you ready to listen to the sermon on Sunday.

1. What does it mean to doubt?
2. What do you think about doubt?

### Mid-Sermon:

This Sunday we are going to be looking at Luke 7:18-23 and talking about Jesus and the believer's doubts. Specifically, we are going to see 1.) that John doubts 2.) why John doubts 3.) how John deals with his doubts and 4.) how Jesus responds to John's doubts. But, instead of having you simply focus on listening for an outline, I want to give you some important ideas to listen for. So, as you come to the service, bring a piece of paper and a pen, and see if you can answer these questions as I preach.

1. How would you describe the way most people think about doubt in our culture?
2. What are some things you are not supposed to doubt and what are some things you are supposed to doubt?
3. How does God think about doubt differently?
4. What are some reasons being certain about the gospel is important?
5. Should we be shocked when a believer struggles with doubt? Why or why not?
6. What do we learn about doubt from this passage in Luke?
7. What are some reasons this really probably was a genuine question from John?
8. Why did John doubt?
9. When do doubts become especially dangerous? What can you add to doubts that makes them a big problem spiritually?
10. How does John deal with his doubts? What can we learn from John about dealing with our doubts?
11. How did Jesus respond to John's doubts?

### Notes:

## Post Sermon:

- Important Cross References and Quotes:

1. Luke 1:67-80
2. Luke 3:16-17
3. Matthew 11:1-6
4. Isaiah 29:18-19;35:5-6;43:8;61:1-2
5. Luke 4:18,19
6. Doubts are funny things. You would think doubt would be doubtful. But doubt is not doubtful. Doubt usually acts like it is very certain. At least when it is in your head.
7. Whenever you doubt one belief, there's usually another belief you are favoring in the background that you are not asking questions about.

- Application: **We don't want to be hearers of the word only, but doers. Being a doer usually takes thinking, however. Spend some time thinking about how you can apply what you learned today.**

1. How did this message impact the way you think about doubt?
2. What are the different kinds of doubts you struggle with?
3. What beliefs lie at the heart of your different doubts?
4. What should you do with your doubts?
5. What did you learn from this message about how to respond to your doubts?

- How Well Was I Listening Questions: **Here are some questions you can ask your children after listening to the message.**

1. What happened in the passage we talked about today?
2. Why is it surprising that John was struggling with doubts?
3. Where was John when he was having these doubts?
4. How does Jesus respond to John's doubts? Is he angry with John? What does that tell you about Jesus?
5. Do you think you will ever struggle with doubt?
6. What should you do when you struggle with doubt?