

The Benefit of the Doubt

Matthew 11:1-11

The Bottom Line: John had the miracles of Jesus to reassure him; we have a miracle even greater!

Introduction:

It is time to stop playing pretend.

Today, we are getting honest with each other regarding a subject that no one talks about, but everyone struggles with - doubt.

Doubt usually feels sinful, causing us to bottle our questions up instead of bringing them to God.

Truth:

In our passage too	day, we read a stor	ry about the m	nan who was on	ce called the
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Application & Conclusion:

After describing John's greatness, Jesus says that the *least* in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is. How could that be? What was John lacking? What does the Christian have that John never knew?

John was never able to witness to the finished work of Jesus in his death and resurrection. John had the miracles of Jesus to reassure him – the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk – but we have the greatest miracle of all. It is the great miracle of His forgiveness, His mercy, and His redemption.

He has joined us in our suffering and suffered Himself to give us "hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Hebrews 6:19). It does not mean we do not have doubts and questions, but that our doubts are covered in the almighty love of Jesus.

Would you dare to throw yourself, with all your questions and uncertainties, into the almighty love of God? Do not allow your doubts to hold you captive. Bring them with you as you walk the long journey of faith.

Reflection Questions:

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2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?