

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for October 6, 1985**

**Questioning Our Faith in Christ**  
**Matthew 11:1-6**  
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1. Why was this question from John the Baptist so surprising?

John, the greatest man among men, questions his commitment to Jesus as the Christ.

John had been set apart since before birth to tell of Jesus' coming. **Luke 1:13-17, 39-45** and **John 1:29-33**

2. What were the causes for this question?

John was human with expectations. John heard of Christ's works: healing, raising the dead, teaching (**Isaiah 61:1-3**).

From **Isaiah 61**, John was expecting Christ to set the prisoners free. What John did not understand was **Isaiah 53**: that Jesus would suffer and die first.

**Isaiah 9:6-7**, the Jews were looking for the Messiah to take over the government.

"In this world you will have tribulation." Christ's work is in our lives and in our hearts.

When Christ returns again all the other prophecies will be fulfilled, the government will rest on his shoulders.

3. How did Christ minister to John?

Jesus shows the truth: truth that can only be explained by Jesus being the Christ. Jesus shows John, "Concentrate on what you know to be true. Dwell on what God has shown to you."

Will you continue to this end?

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