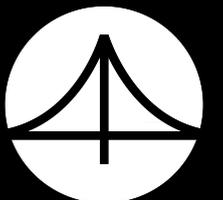


Luke: Messengers from John

Luke 7:18-35



**Although the journey
is often difficult,
following Jesus is
always worth it.**

Following in Doubt

- John sends messengers to ask Jesus about His identity
- John brings His doubts to Jesus
- How do you respond to doubt in your life?

“When the New Testament talks about doubt, whether you're talking about the gospels or the epistles, it primarily focuses on believers. That's very important. It's as if you have to believe something before you can doubt it; you have to be committed to it before you begin to question it. So doubt is held up as the unique problem of the believer.”

–John MacArthur

Following in Doubt

- If you're not a Christian, you don't have doubts, you have unbelief
- God responds to unbelief with judgment
- God responds to doubt with love, patience, and encouragement
- God wants us to bring our doubts to Him

Following in Difficulty

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**“Go and tell John what you
have seen and heard: the blind
receive their sight, the lame
walk, lepers are cleansed, and
the deaf hear, the dead are
raised up, the poor have good
news preached to them.”**

- Luke 7:22

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn”

- Isaiah 61:1-2

Following in Difficulty

- Following Jesus involves suffering
- Following Jesus involves rejection

Following in Greatness

- What is the kingdom of God?
- It's not simply a future reality we need to wait for, it's a present reality that has invaded our world today
- By living on this side of the cross, we can see and understand things about Jesus' work and identity that John couldn't even dream of

Luke 7:18-35

“On... the day that God makes everything right, the day that everything sad comes untrue...

You will find that the worst things that have ever happened to you will in the end only enhance your eternal delight. On that day, all of it will be turned inside out and you will know joy beyond the walls of the world. The joy of your glory will be that much greater for every scar you bear.”