

SERMON NOTES
January 9, 2022
“Doubt in the Dungeon”
Matthew 11:1-6

The first ten chapters of Matthew are **TESTIMONIES** that prove **WHO** Jesus is.

Matthew chapters 11 – 12 looks at the **REACTIONS** to the evidence.

Ch. 11 = response of **DOUBT** ☒ followed by **FAITH**

Ch. 12 = response of **REJECTION** ☒ followed by **FAITH**

- I. Jesus Serves **ALONE** v 1
His ministry was to (1) **TEACH** & **PREACH**;
(2) **EXPLAIN** & **PROCLAIM**

Synagogues provided a place to **READ** and **EXPOUND** God's Word.

- II. John is **CONFUSED** vv 2-3

Doubt might be better described as **CONFUSION**

John did not doubt the truthfulness of God's Word but his **UNDERSTANDING**

The Lord understands His children's doubts – but never **PLEASED**

John's doubt was **WEAKNESS** rather than sin

John was not asking for information but **CONFIRMATION**

The “One who is to come” = the **MESSIAH**

FOUR REASONS FOR DOUBT

- 1) Tough Times
John preached exactly:
 - **WHAT** needed to be preached
 - To **WHOM** it needed to be preached
 - **WHEN** it needed to be preached

John was a true saint and a true **PROPHET** of God

When we dwell on doubts, Satan **MAGNIFIES** them

John knew where to go to find **ANSWERS** to his questions, **RESOLUTION** for his doubts.

CONCLUSION:

Negative circumstances are **PAINFUL** – **GOING TO** Jesus is healing.