TITLE: “No Doubt!”

TEXT: Matthew 11:1-6

TARGET: Today we discover that when “in doubt” there should be “no doubt” about how we should respond!

Working Definition: Doubt takes places when mental expectations go unmet in a physical reality.

I. The _____________________________ of Doubt: “Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” (Vs. 2-3)

A. Circumstantial Doubt: “prison”
B. Experiential Doubt: “deeds”
C. Intellectual Doubt: “look”

II. The _____________________________ of Doubt: An Invisible Prison

A. Unstable: “.for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind” (James 1:6)
B. Unfruitful: “For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 1:8)

III. The _____________________________ in Doubt: Confront it!

A. Define your Doubt: “Unmet Expectations?”
   1. Circumstantial?
   2. Experiential?
   3. Intellectual?
B. Describe your Doubt: “Belief Drives the Bus”
   1. Thoughts
   2. Feelings
   3. Behaviors
C. Deal with your Doubt: “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe” (John 20:25)

IV. The _____________________________ in Doubt: Matthew 11:4-6

A. He gives Confirmation: “Go and tell John what you hear and see” (Vs. 4)
B. He gives Clarification: “the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.” (Vs. 5)  (Isaiah 61:1)
C. He gives Commendation: “And blessed is the one who is not offended by me” (Vs. 6)

TAKE AWAY: If you don’t have doubts then you don’t have faith. For you can’t doubt a faith you don’t have.