

**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 Existence 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 Effects 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 Encouragement 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 Enlightenment 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.

