

“HELP MY UNBELIEF!”

Matthew 11:1-24

I. Christ meets *believing doubt* with prophetic *confirmation* (vv. 2-6).

II. Christ meets *unbelieving disdain* with prophetic *condemnation* (vv. 7-24).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. How can there be anything beneficial about doubt?
2. What gave rise to John the Baptizer's doubts about Christ's identity?
3. How did Christ respond to John's doubt? And what does His response teach us about how we should deal with our doubts?
4. Does our faith need to be free of doubt before we can be saved?
5. Why does Jesus go on to tell us about the identity of John the Baptizer? How does John's identity teach us about Christ's identity? How do both serve to show just how serious the unbelief of the Jews is?
6. Read and contrast v. 6 and v. 21. How does Christ both woo and warn?
7. Why does growing up in a Christian home and church lead to a more strict judgment? If this is so, would it not be better to not grow up with these privileges?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Have I ever struggled with being disillusioned by Christianity? How does disillusionment foster doubt?
2. What is it that determines whether doubt is destructive or beneficial? How do I deal with my doubts and questions about the faith?
3. Do I tremble at Christ's warnings of future judgment, and do they lead me to personal repentance and faith and to call others to the same?