

## **THE LIFE OF JESUS**

### **Overcoming Doubt**

Matthew 11:1-6 – When Jesus had finished giving these instructions to his twelve disciples, he went out to teach and preach in towns throughout the region. <sup>2</sup> John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, <sup>3</sup>“Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus told them, “Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen— <sup>5</sup>the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.” <sup>6</sup>And he added, “God blesses those who do not fall away because of me.”

#### **Four Reasons We Doubt God**

- 1) Difficult circumstances (v 2)**
- 2) An incomplete understanding of God (v 3)**
- 3) Viewing God from a worldly perspective (v 3)**
- 4) God does not act like we want Him to**

#### **What To Do When We Doubt**

- 1) Turn to God rather than run from Him (v 3)**
- 2) Remember God’s faithfulness (v 4-5)**
- 3) Set our hope on eternity**

1 Corinthians 4:14-18 - We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you. <sup>15</sup>All of this is for your benefit. And as God’s grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. <sup>16</sup> That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. <sup>17</sup> For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! <sup>18</sup> So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.