

## QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you had a doubt or struggle in your faith. How did you resolve the issue?
2. In what ways do you think the message about Jesus Christ has been distorted in our culture today?
3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about dealing with doubt:
  - a) Proverbs 3:5-8
  - b) Joshua 1:9
  - c) Psalm 23:4
  - d) Psalm 27:1
  - e) Isaiah 41:10
  - f) Philippians 4:6
  - g) James 1:5-8
4. What led John the Baptist to have doubts about Jesus? How did Jesus respond to the doubts of John?
5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
  - I am going to encourage a believer I know who is struggling with doubt and share Scriptures that will help him or her.
  - I am going to make a plan for effectively sharing my faith with others. (Ex. Preparing a two-minute testimony of your life.)
  - I am going to memorize Isaiah 41:10.

Cornerstone Church  
Luke 7:18-35

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Study Series #031

## ***John the Baptist***

### **I. Introduction**

A. A Mistaken Message

B. An Important Messenger

(See Proverbs 26:6; Luke 1:15-17; Mark 1:2-4)

### **II. John the Baptist**

A. John Sends His Disciples to Jesus

(See Luke 7:18; Matthew 14:3,10; Mark 6:17; Luke 3:20; John 3:24; Matthew 3:13-14; John 1:29; John 1:36; Numbers 11:10-15; Jeremiah 1:5; Jeremiah 20:8; I Kings 19:4; Judges 6:13; II Corinthians 1:8-9; Matthew 4:12; Luke 7:21)

B. Jesus Responds to John's Disciples

(See Luke 7:22-23; Isaiah 29:18; Isaiah 35:5-6; Luke 7:25)

C. Jesus Speaks to the Crowd

(See Luke 7:24-25; Mark 1:6; II Kings 1:8; Luke 7:26-27; Malachi 3:1; Luke 7:28; Luke 1:13-17; Luke 16:16; John 3:30; John 15:15)

## D. The Baptism of John

(See Luke 7:29-30; Matthew 21:32; Psalm 51:4; Luke 16:15)

## E. Jesus Questions the Crowd

(See Luke 7:31-34; Matthew 11:16-19; Proverbs 1:20;  
Proverbs 4:6; Proverbs 7:4; Proverbs 8:1)

## III. Conclusion

## IV. Communion

Communion at Cornerstone Church is open for all who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You do not have to be a member of Cornerstone or a member of a Southern Baptist Church to observe Communion with us. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you are welcome to take Communion. If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, Scripture commands that you refrain taking Communion. (I Corinthians 11:26-31)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

## Passage of Study

Luke 7:18-35

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported to him about all these things. <sup>19</sup>Summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?” <sup>20</sup>When the men came to Him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to You, to ask, ‘Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?’” <sup>21</sup>At that very time He cured many *people* of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He gave sight to many *who were* blind. <sup>22</sup>And He answered and said to them, “Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: *the* blind receive sight, *the* lame walk, *the* lepers are cleansed, and *the* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised up, the poor have the gospel preached to them. <sup>23</sup>Blessed is he who does not take offense at Me.”

<sup>24</sup>When the messengers of John had left, He began to speak to the crowds about John, “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup>But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Those who are splendidly clothed and live in luxury are *found* in royal palaces! <sup>26</sup>But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and one who is more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is the one about whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send My messenger ahead of You, who will prepare Your way before You.’

<sup>28</sup>I say to you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” <sup>29</sup>When all the people and the tax collectors heard *this*, they acknowledged God’s justice, having been baptized with the baptism of John. <sup>30</sup>But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God’s purpose for themselves, not having been baptized by John.

<sup>31</sup>“To what then shall I compare the men of this generation, and what are they like? <sup>32</sup>They are like children who sit in the market place and call to one another, and they say, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.’ <sup>33</sup>For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon!’ <sup>34</sup>The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ <sup>35</sup>Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children.”

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