

IS HE THE ONE?

Luke 7:18–23

Then the disciples of John reported to him concerning all these things. And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to Jesus, saying, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?” When the men had come to Him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, ‘Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?’” And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight. Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”

MAIN POINT

Jesus answered John’s questions by demonstrating His identity and anchoring the prophet’s mind on the Truth of Scripture. When your mind is plagued with questions or doubts, you too must run to Christ and settle your heart and mind on His Word.

I. John’s Confusion

- A. John is the one who made the confession “Behold! The Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world!” (John 1:36)

- B. He baptized the Christ, observing the pronouncement of His identity as the Son of God by the Father (Luke 3:21–22).

- C. Why did John appear confused about the identity of Christ? Some possibilities:
 1. Jesus did not do the things John (and most Jewish people) thought the Messiah would do.

 2. Like many people in hardship, John may have struggled with his understanding of who Christ is—and he needed a reminder.

D. *When you experience hardship and your faith is tested, like John the Baptist you must run to the Christ.*

II. Christ's Confirmation

A. Jesus responded to John's question with *action*.

1. He provided for the physical needs of the people around him.
2. He taught the people the *gospel*—meeting their spiritual needs.

B. He then responded to the imprisoned prophet with *Scripture*.

1. The Messiah would do the very things Jesus was doing (cf. Is. 8:14; 35:5; 61:1).
2. John needed to know that the *gospel* was the ultimate message Jesus was preaching—something that would be a stumbling block to some people (e.g., 1 Cor. 1:23).

C. *Weary saints must anchor their minds on the Truth of Scripture which reveals to us the reality of Who Christ is.*