

The King's Road: The Revelation of the King

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The King's Road: Doubts and Rejections

Matthew 11:1-19

Discussion Questions

I. Who Is Jesus?

(Matthew 11:1-6)

John the Baptist brought his doubts directly to Jesus. What does his example teach us about how believers should handle seasons of uncertainty or confusion?

Jesus pointed to His works as evidence of His identity. How do the words and works of Jesus strengthen your confidence that He truly is the Messiah?

II. Who Is John?

(Matthew 11:7-14)

Jesus described John as more than a prophet and the one who prepared the way for the Messiah. Why do you think God often uses ordinary but faithful people to prepare the way for His work?

Jesus said that the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John in privilege and opportunity. How does that truth shape the way we view our role in God's kingdom today?

III. The Rejection of Both

(Matthew 11:15-19)

Jesus compared the crowd to children who refused to respond to either joyful music or mourning songs. What does this reveal about the human tendency to resist God no matter how He speaks?

Both John and Jesus were criticized even though their ministries were very different. What does this teach us about seeking God's approval rather than people's approval?

Application Questions

When doubts arise in your faith, do you move toward Jesus for clarity like John did, or do you tend to drift away from Him? What would it look like to pursue answers in Scripture and prayer this week?

The crowds rejected both John and Jesus because they didn't fit their expectations. Are there areas where you struggle to accept Jesus on His terms rather than your own?

Prayer Prompts

Prayer for Honest Faith

Lord, when doubts arise, help us bring them to You rather than turning away. Strengthen our faith through Your Word and truth.

Prayer for Open Hearts

Father, guard our hearts from becoming resistant to Your voice. Give us ears to hear and courage to respond when You speak.

Prayer for Faithful Witness

Jesus, help us live in such a way that our lives point others toward You, just as John faithfully prepared the way for the King.