

# John the Baptist's Doubts: Assurance Given

Mathew 11: 01-06

(Lk 7:18-23)

**1. Jesus' task:**

***Ended the commissioning  
of His disciples***

- a. He sent them out
- b. He began to minister again  
- all alone

**2. John's perplexity:**

***Pictured a stern Messiah***

- a. Jesus' works were works of love
- b. John's question:  
Expected a Messiah of judgment  
not love

**3. Jesus' assurance:**

***He was, beyond question,  
the Messiah***

- a. He spoke as the Messiah
- b. He demonstrated the power  
and works of the Messiah
- c. He fulfilled the prophecies  
about the Messiah
- d. He preached the gospel  
of the Messiah
- e. He promised both the blessing  
and judgment of the Messiah

1 After Jesus had finished  
instructing his twelve disciples,  
he went on from there  
to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee.

2 When John heard in prison  
what Christ was doing,  
he sent his disciples

3 To ask him,  
"Are you the one who was to come,  
or should we expect someone else?"

4 Jesus replied,  
"Go back and report to John  
what you hear and see:

5 The blind receive sight,  
the lame walk,  
those who have leprosy are cured,  
the deaf hear,  
the dead are raised,  
and the good news is preached to the poor.

6 Blessed is the man  
who does not fall away  
on account of me."