

Text: Matthew 11: 1-15; Luke 7:19-30

Series: IN SEARCH OF FAITH

5 Struggles in Faith

Example 1 John the Baptist

1. John the Baptistiser Matthew 11:2-3

- a) The voice in the wilderness
- b) The fore-runner of the Messiah
- c) Effective ministry

Matthew 3

2. The plight of John

- a) He was in jail
- b) For speaking against the king

Mark 6:17-18

3. His questions

- a) Are You the Coming One?
- b) Do we look for another?

4. What his questions signify

- a) Doubts
- b) Struggles in faith

5. Response of the Lord Jesus Christ

- a) He healed many in that very hour
- b) His answer to John

Luke 7:21

- i) The blind see
- ii) The lame walk
- iii) The lepers are healed
- iv) The dead are raised up

Matthew 11:4-5

- c) Blessed is he who is not offended because of MeMatthew 11:6

6. In praise of John the Baptistiser

- a) More than a prophet
- b) Not one greater than John the Baptist

Matthew 11:9

Matthew 11:11

c) He is Elijah who is to come

Matthew 11:14

Example 2

1. The generation of the Lord Jesus

Matthew 11:16

a) Like spoilt brats

Matthew 11:17-18

b) Whimsical and unruly

2. Rebuke of 3 cities

a) Chorazin

Matthew 11:21

b) Bethsaida

Matthew 11:21

c) Capernaum

Matthew 11:23

3. Ministry of the Lord Jesus in these cities

a) Teaching

b) Preaching

c) Miracles ("mighty works")

Matthew 11:21, 23

4. Comparison

a) If the mighty works had been done in the following cities

i) Tyre

ii) Sidon

iii) Sodom

b) They would have repented

5. Stern and solemn words of warning

Matthew 11:24

a) More tolerable for Sodom

b) Than for the cities that had rejected the Person and ministry of the Lord Jesus

SPECIAL SPONTANEOUS PRAYER OF THE LORD JESUS

1. God had hidden His truth from "the wise and the prudent"

Matthew 11:25

2. He has revealed them to babes

Matthew 11:25