

***WHEN IN DOUBT* Matthew 11:1-11**

INTRO: The bus driver and the pastor

I. THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY SHOULD BE, ARE THEY? (verses 1-3)

- A. John the Baptist had his doubts and so do we
- B. There was and is a difference between expectations and reality
- C. John took his doubts to Jesus and so can we (verses 2-3)

II. WHEN THINGS AREN'T AS THEY SHOULD BE, JESUS STANDS WITH AND FOR US

A. Jesus' responses to a confession of doubt:

- 1. Jesus assures (verses 4-5)
- 2. Jesus blesses (verse 6)
- 3. Jesus defends (verses 7-11a)
 - Jesus is no weakling; not just a cute baby in a manger (verses 7-9)

B. Jesus calls us *greater than John the Baptist* (verse 11)

II. WHEN IN DOUBT.... WHAT ARE WE TO DO? Jesus has taught us:

- A. Not to keep it inside or hidden
- B. Bring our doubts to Him - by our self or with the help of other believers
- C. He will never turn us away

Conclusion: *A promise for doubters... written in blood*