

# THE LIFE OF JESUS

Message 10  
Doubt and Denial  
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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to deepen your faith and stir meaningful conversations with friends and family.

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## Opening

Describe a time you took a huge step of faith.

## Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Matthew 11:1-3](#) (This is the first part of Reading #57 in *The Life of Jesus*).

1. Who was John? See also [Mark 1:1-8](#).
2. Are you surprised he was in prison? What does the text lead you to believe he was feeling?
3. Which specific beatitudes (from last week's message, [Matthew 5:3-12](#)) are being displayed in John's life?
4. Have you ever done what you thought God wanted you to do, but it didn't turn out like you expected? How did you respond? Explain.
5. How can times of doubt and disappointment deepen your relationship with God?

Read [Matthew 11:4-11](#) (continuing Reading #57 in *The Life of Jesus*).

6. What miraculous (big, bold, kingdom-size) things have you been asking from Jesus recently?
7. Do you live with great anticipation for God to come through, or are you holding back, not sure He has the best in mind for you? Where is your heart with God these days?

Read [Matthew 11:12-19](#) (continuing Reading #57 in *The Life of Jesus*).

8. Most people reject God because He doesn't meet their expectations. As this part of the story describes, these unmet expectations often cause people to become demanding, confused, disheartened or angry. Can you relate to any of this? Explain. See also [1 Corinthians 2:14](#).
9. How would your life be different if you believed more fully all the Bible says about God? See also [Acts 17:11](#).
10. What can you do to prepare your heart and mind ahead of time for trials and disappointments that will inevitably come your way?

## Soul Training

On a note card, write down five things that are true about God from [Psalm 99](#). Use this list to guide a time of prayer each day this week:

1) Tell God how awesome He is, and 2) ask Him to help you know Him more intimately based on who He truly is.

## Memory Verse

*Jesus replied to them, "Go and report to John what you hear and see: the blind see, the lame walk, those with skin diseases are healed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor are told the good news."* [Matthew 11:4-5 \(HCSB\)](#)

## Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
Mar 6	55		<a href="#">Matthew 8:5-13</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 7:1-10</a>
Mar 7	56		<a href="#">Luke 7:11-17</a>
Mar 8	57		<a href="#">Matthew 11:1-19</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 7:18-35</a>
Mar 9	58-59		<a href="#">Matthew 11:20-30</a>
Mar 10	60		<a href="#">Luke 7:36-50</a>

## Prepare for Next Sunday

On Sunday, March 12, we'll see how the Pharisees were missing the Kingdom of God. Let's slow down and ask Jesus to reveal His heart to us. Read [Matthew 12:25-37](#) and [Mark 3:20-30](#) (Reading #63 in *The Life of Jesus*).



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