

Matthew 11:5

Deaf Church

"Avoid Confusion"
"Jesus Encourages John
the Baptist"

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1. Introduction

- a. Context: verses 2-6
- b. ~~Lk~~ Cross reference: Lk 7:18-23
- c. Jesus showed John's 2 messengers first what He did - Lk 7:20-21
- d. Jesus then tells 2 messengers to tell John what they see (Jesus does) & hear (Jesus says)

2. John the Baptist in prison

- a. Mt 11:2 John not in a good place
- b. King Herod put John in prison for his unlawful marriage - Mt 14:3-4
 - John a political prisoner
- c. Prison was not John's choosing
- d. John began to have doubts
- e. John trusted Jesus to tell him the truth
- f. John asks if Jesus was the Promised Coming One
 - another name for Messiah
 - all the Old Testament promised the coming Messiah
- g. Or should John look for someone else?
 - John knew that he was the messenger for Messiah - "Kingdom of God is at hand"

3. Jesus sends message back to John the Baptist

- a. They saw Jesus doing miracles
 - Jesus cured sick people, healed blind, removed demons from people
- b. Jesus simply says
 - blind see & lame walk & deaf hear
 - lepers cleansed
 - dead raised to life
 - poor hear gospel (good news of Kingdom of God) preached

4. Jesus sends back message of Messiah
- Blessed are the people who take no offense
 - who? no offense against Jesus
 - This message was first for John
 - "Hang in there for more time"
 - "I'm the promised Messiah"
 - "look at what I do"
 - Jesus gives comfort to John
 - Jesus answers John's doubts
 - This message was second for us
 - Matthew heard these words
 - Matthew 10:3 Jesus called Matthew the tax collector as one of the 12 Apostles

5. Jesus encourages faith
- Greek word σκανδαλιζω - skandalizo like English scandal
 - scandal of taking offense
 - do not stumble in Christian faith
 - Continue to believe in Jesus
 - when everything goes well
 - in difficult times
 - when you have doubts
 - Worst difficult time in Peter's life
 - * Peter betrayed Jesus 3 times - Mt 26: 31-34, ② John 18:25-27, ③ Lk 22:55-62
 - * Angel told the women at Jesus resurrection - Mk 16:6-7
 - "Go, tell... Peter"
 - Peter is still Jesus disciple
 - * Jesus instructs Peter to "feed His sheep" - John 21:7, 14-17
 - Jesus still loves Peter

~~4. Problem with people~~
 a. Because people reject God