

Bringing it Home For Sunday, December 14, 2025

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Do you ever wonder if it's true? That Jesus is really the Son of God? That he lived on earth and healed blind and lame people? That he really died and then really rose from the dead?

It's okay to have doubts. Even John the Baptist had doubts. In today's Bible story, he sent friends to check out Jesus. He thought Jesus was the Messiah, but could he be wrong?

Jesus told John's friends to look around. To see the people Jesus healed. The hope Jesus gave people. The lives he changed.

John wasn't mistaken about Jesus being the Messiah. But I bet he felt relieved when his friends told him what Jesus was doing. In fact, his faith in Jesus was probably stronger than it had been before.

Of course, you and I can't send someone back in time to see Jesus and report back to us. But we don't have to. We have the Bible to tell us about Jesus. And we have friends and family who believe in Jesus and can tell us why they do.

Let's pray. Jesus, thank you for everything you did. For teaching and healing and overcoming sin and death. I love and trust you. Help my faith to be stronger every day. Amen.

Today's Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are

raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Artwork: “St. John the Baptist in Prison Visited by Two Disciples,” ca. 1455 -1460, by the Italian painter Giovanni di Paolo (1403-1482), from the collection of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL.