

*What Should I Expect?*

Just Can’t Wait – Part 3

Matthew 11:2-11

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**Q**. When will you know it’s Christmas? What are you expecting? What happens when you get something you don’t expect?

Matthew 11:2-11  *John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, 3 “ARE YOU THE MESSIAH WE’VE BEEN EXPECTING, OR SHOULD WE KEEP LOOKING FOR SOMEONE ELSE?” 4 Jesus told them, “Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen— 5 the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.” 6 And he added, “God blesses those who do not fall away because of me.”7 As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began talking about him to the crowds. “What kind of man did you go into the wilderness to see? Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath of wind? 8 OR WERE YOU EXPECTING TO SEE A MAN DRESSED IN EXPENSIVE CLOTHES? No, people with expensive clothes live in palaces. 9 Were you looking for a prophet? Yes, and he is more than a prophet. 10 John is the man to whom the Scriptures refer when they say, ‘Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way before you.’11 “I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is!* (NLT)

Uncertain about what to expect?

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Best should we resolve doubt? (Vs. 3-7)

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James 5:7-10 *Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord’s return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. 8 You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near. 9 Don’t grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look—the Judge is standing at the door! 10 For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.* (NLT)

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. Do you have questions about Jesus- about who he is or what he expects of you?
2. Do you have a hard time admitting your doubts?
3. Where do you turn when you face doubt?
4. Do you ever have doubts or questions about what God does or doesn't do?
5. What spiritual or physical evidence have you seen of Christ?
6. Have you been disappointed when your expectations of God were unfulfilled?