Series: Son of Man <u>Title</u>: Jesus Responds to Doubt Text: (Luke 7:16-23) Doubt is a struggle to believe <u>Faith Mingled with Doubt</u>: (Matt 14:31) (Matt 21:21) Apostles were still doubting at the end: (Matt 28:16-17)

It is always a believer that Doubts: #1: Personal Tragedy #2. Popular Influences #3. Partial Revelation #4. Improper Expectations

I. John's Doubt: (Vs 16-23) <u>That is a messianic title</u>: (Ps 40:7)(Ps 118:26) <u>John the Baptist is a believer</u>: (Jn 1:29) <u>John Testified of Jesus</u>: (Luke 3:16)

II. Truth Seekers Doubt: (Vs 24-29)

(1 Cor 1:25-29)(Jn 7:24)(2 Cor 5:12)(2 Cor 10:7)

III. Religious/Self Serving People have Doubts: (Vs 30-35)

1. Jesus was not acting according to John's expectations.

2. Jesus seemed Oblivious to John's personal trial. <u>There is no promise you're going to be healthy.</u> <u>There is no promise you're going to be healed</u> (2 Cor 12:7-10) <u>There's no promise that you're going to be rich</u>. (2 Cor 6:4-5) <u>There's no promise that your career is going to be successful</u>.

How did John Respond to his Doubt? <u>He went directly to the Lord in Prayer</u>: (Luke 7:19-20) B/c of Personal Tragedy: (Rom 8:28-29) B/c of Popular Misconceptions: (Col 2:8) B/c of Partial Revelation: (Matt 15:2-3) B/c of Improper Expectations:

Jesus responded by taking John to the Scriptures:

(VS 21-23) (Ps 146:8)(Is 29:18-19) (Is 32:3-4)

- 1. Go to the God in Prayer
- 2. Go to the Scriptures: (Rom 10:17)
- 3. Let the Scripture make a difference in you: (Rom 12:2)
- 4. **<u>Pray Believing</u>**: (1 Tim 2:8)

When you can't see what God is doing...

Trust His Love for You!(Jn 3:16)(Jn 15:13)(1Jn 3:16) **Trust His Character:** (Is 55:8-13)(Jn 10:10) <u>**Trust his Promises:**</u> (Heb 13:5) <u>**My attitude will dispel doubts in others:**</u> (Dan 5:12, 16) (1 Pet 3:15)