# Sermon notes: March 28, 2021

### Like An Infection

Passage: Matthew 11:1-6

## **John Battled With Doubt**

Matthew 14:3-5 <sup>3</sup> Now Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, <sup>4</sup> for John had been saying to him: "It is not lawful for you to have her." <sup>5</sup> Herod wanted to kill John, but he was afraid of the people, because they considered John a prophet.

**John 1:26-27, 29** <sup>26</sup> "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. <sup>27</sup> He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

**John 1:31, 34** <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

<sup>34</sup> I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

Matthew 11:11 <sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

# **Doubt Causes Problems**

**James 1:6,8** <sup>6</sup> But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

<sup>8</sup> Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Luke 24:37 <sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

**Isaiah 26:3** You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

**Hebrews 11:6** <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

# **There Are Causes of Doubt**

Matthew 3:11-12 <sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Psalm 13:1 <sup>1</sup> How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

Don't Deny Them
Fix Your Theology
Pay attention to the Evidence
Isaiah 35:5-6 <sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. <sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
<b>Isaiah 61:1</b> <sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,
Watch Out For That Idol

**Application:** 

# You Never Let Go

#### Verse 1

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near

#### Pre-Chorus

And I will fear no evil For my God is with me And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear Whom then shall I fear

#### Chorus 1

Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go
Lord You never let go of me

#### Verse 2

And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

#### Chorus 2

Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go
Lord You never let go of me
You keep on runnin' and You never let go
Singin'

# Bridge

Yes I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You
Still I will praise You
(REPEAT)

# Walk By Faith

#### Verse 1

Will I believe You when You say Your hand will guide my ev'ry way Will I receive the words You say Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day

#### Chorus

Well I will walk by faith
Well even when I cannot see
Because this broken road
Prepares Your will for me

#### Verse 2

Help me to rid my endless fears You've been so faithful for all my years With one breath You made me new Your grace covers all I do Yeah yeah yeah Yeah yeah

# Bridge

Well I'm broken
But I still see Your face
Well You've spoken
Pouring Your words of grace

# Ending

Well hallelujah hallelu Well hallelujah hallelu

Safe on Your promises
Firm on Your faithfulness
Strong on Your truth I will stand
I will stand

## Tag

Jesus Rock of Ages My foundation always

# Is He Worthy

#### Verse 1

Do you feel the world is broken
We do
Do you feel the shadows deepen
We do
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through
We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new
We do

#### Verse 2

Is all creation groaning
It is
Is a new creation coming
It is
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst
It is
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this
It is

#### Chorus 1

Is anyone worthy
Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy
Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this
He is

#### Verse 3

Does the Father truly love us He does Does the Spirit move among us He does And does Jesus our Messiah Hold forever those He loves He does Does our God intend to dwell again with us He does

### Chorus 2

Is anyone worthy Is anyone whole Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave He is David's Root And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue He has made us a kingdom and priests To God to reign with the Son Is He worthy Is He worthy Of all blessing and honor and glory Is He worthy Is He worthy Is He worthy of this He is

# Ending

Is He worthy Is He worthy He is He is