

Matthew 11:1-6
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The Lament of Faith

Part Four:

DOUBT



Living in the tension
Reviewing the Lament Cycle
Two kinds of Doubt
Thomas Doubt: John 20:25; James 1:6
John the Baptist Doubt: Matt 11:3
Doubt as vulnerability
Doubt as paralysis

John the Baptist's Question

Good company
Related to Jesus: Luke 1:36
The Baptismal encounter with Jesus: John 1:19-34
Jesus' estimation: Matt 11:9-11
Prison: Mark 6:17-29
Dashed Expectations: Matthew 3:12
Are you the one?

Cycle Step #3: Remembering God

Blessed is the one not offended by Me (6)
The stone that trips or launches: 1 Peter 2:4-8
A matter of ladders and low-lying fog
Jesus points to His Messianic actions: Is 35:5,6; 61:1
Creation, Incarnation, Resurrection, Scripture, Grace

Cycle Step #4: Waiting in Silence

Unanswered questions and probabilities
Beyond argument: Toward a deeper knowledge
Confirmation on the way
Doubts are the soil in which faith grows: Heb 11:1
I believe! Help My Unbelief! Mark 9:24