

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1020: Do My Doubts Mean I Do Not Have Faith?

See:  CQ Rewind  
SHOW NOTES

1. What is the difference between intellectual and emotional doubts? What are the best tools for facing our doubts?
2. Why did John doubt that Jesus was the Messiah? How did John overcome these doubts? How did Jesus' response to John's men and his actions convince John that Jesus was the Messiah? (See Luke 7:18-23)
3. How did Jesus answer Satan when he tempted Jesus in the wilderness? How was Jesus able to maintain his clarity and conviction about his Father's promises during this difficult experience? What are some promises for us to hold onto when we have episodes of doubt in our lives? (See Luke 4:9-13, Ephesians 2:19, Psalm 34:18)
4. What are other steps we can take to help overcome doubt caused by harsh experiences? What is the difference between worldly and true meditation?
5. How should we ask God for wisdom? What can happen if we approach God indecisively? What practical exercises can we use to consider how far the Lord has brought us in our Christian walk? How can these provide clarity for intellectual doubt? (See 1 Peter 2:1-3, James 1:5-8, 22-24)
6. What are some other actions we can take to help us overcome doubt and inspire deeper conviction? Describe an "Ebenezer" experience in the Bible and how these experiences help us in our Christian walk. (See Samuel 7) What types of Ebenezer experiences have you had that shows God's hand in your life?
7. How did Jesus answer Thomas's intellectual doubt? What are some biblical promises we can review when we have doubt? (See John 20:24-29, Philippians 1:6, 4:13)
8. What are the positive effects of dealing with both emotional and intellectual doubt? When our lives lead us into traumatic, difficult experiences, how can we stop accusing God of letting bad things happen, and instead begin to understand God? How can we remedy the doubt that enters our minds during very difficult times?
9. Trace Peter's progression in trusting Jesus from the time Peter walked on water to when he was commanded to offer Christianity to the Gentiles. How did Peter grow from doubting Jesus to complete conviction in God's message given in Peter's vision? How did he explain this mission to the Jews? (See Matthew 14:26-33, Acts 10:17-20, 11:1-4)
10. How can having questions and doubts lead us to better understand God's word and His plan? How can our incompleteness give honor to God? How can others' doubts help us to strengthen our faith? What are some scriptural promises that will help us alleviate doubt and help to clarify our faith? What increases your faith when you feel yourself doubting? (See 2 Corinthians 4:7-11, Isaiah 30:21, Psalms 37:23, 119:105, Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 6:32-33)