



FOR WHEN IT'S NOT HAPPENING

Luke 7:18-34 & Matthew 11:2-19

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Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! - Matthew 11:11 (NASB)

...when Herod had John arrested, he bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. For John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." **Although Herod wanted to put him to death**, he feared the crowd, because they regarded John as a prophet. - Matthew 14:3-5 (NASB)

John speaks out concerning the _____

of a _____

Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death and could not do so; for Herod was afraid of John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was very perplexed; but he used to enjoy listening to him. A strategic day came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his lords and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee; - Mark 6:19-21 (NASB95)

In a dark time John the Baptist decides:

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised... - Hebrews 11:13 (ESV)

Decided to take his _____ to _____ (v.19)
John sent them to the Lord, (v.19) (NASB 2020)

Will Learn: This isn't _____
These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." - John 16:33 (NASB)

Decided to stay _____ with _____ believers

Decided to remain _____ in his _____
...yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away - Matthew 13:21 (NASB95)

After deciding John:

Will _____ from The Lord (v.22)
... the deaf will hear...the eyes of the blind will see. - Isaiah 29:18 (NASB95)
Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy... - Isaiah 35:4-6 (NASB95)

What Jesus didn't say to John:

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD anointed me To bring good news to the humble; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim release to captives And freedom to prisoners; ²To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD - Isaiah 61:1-2 (NASB)

John saw what God _____ so Jesus reveals to him of what God _____ (vv.22-23)

Jesus encourages John to continue to be _____ even though it doesn't _____ (v.23)
And blessed is anyone who does not take offense (scandalizoo) at Me." - Luke 7:23 (NASB)

And he added, "God blesses those who do not fall away because of me." (v.23) (NLT)

Offense: scandalizoo - to cause a person to begin to distrust and desert one whom he ought to trust and obey, to cause to fall away (OTESD)

Will receive _____ from The Lord (v.24)
As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: - Matthew 11:7 (NIV)

Is reminded of his _____ by The Lord (v.27)
(Malachi 4:5-6)
More than a prophet? All the other prophets prophesied that the Messiah _____
John's ministry announced: _____ (v.27)