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Welcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

At this time the beginning of Jesus's second year of public Ministry, Christ our Lord's fame grows with each new healing now famously including the raising of the young dead man in Nain during his actual funeral procession no less. This following Jesus also healing the servant/son of a Roman Centurion from afar. It is needless to say that those long smoldering whispered winter time rumors of Jesus possibly being the Messiah are now in this springtime by Jesus's own Words and deeds being fanned into flame and the world would never be the same.

Fame not just by the Jews but also now by the Romans.

Can there be any question of how the reputation of Jesus had to have been growing spreading and swelling within the ranks of the Legions stationed in and near Israel when Christ healed the son of one of their very own?

They too this be the Legionaries do see daily the traveling Jesus teaching & preaching while openly & publicly daring to confront the corrupt Pharisee's at every opportunity they attempt to impede Him.

All of this while supernaturally healing people spontaneously of every affliction and disease our broken human Sin nature has to offer including now even astonishingly the raising of the dead.

† The disciples of John (the Baptist in prison) also reported to him about all these things. <sup>19</sup> And after summoning two of his disciples, John (Baptizer) sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are You the Coming One, or are we to look for another?" <sup>20</sup> When the men came to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, to ask, 'Are You the Coming One, or are we to look for another?'" <sup>21</sup> At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He gave sight to many who were blind. <sup>22</sup> And He answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: people who were blind receive sight, people who limped walk, people with leprosy are cleansed and people who were deaf hear, dead people are raised up, and people who are poor (Spiritually i.e. unsaved) have the gospel preached to them. <sup>23</sup> *And blessed is anyone who does not take offense at Me.*"

(Blessed indeed are those who accept Jesus as Lord & follow His teaching)

Dr. Luke 7:18-23 NASB

John the Baptist's confusion was Israel's confusion indeed this is many peoples confusion down through the generations from Jesus Time until now.

By John's question we may tend to think that Jesus was not the Messiah the Jews including even John the Baptist were expecting. Of course they were wanting Christ to crush the Romans & vanquish the hypocritical Pharisee's & then establish GOD'S Kingdom delivering equal justice & opportunity for all.

What you might not know is what the Baptizer was really asking when John sent a question to Jesus quizzing "are we to look for another." (Messiah)

You see the Jewish people were and still are to this day expecting two Messiah's.

Within Isaiah's prophecy is a suffering servant Messiah coming to Save His people and likewise additional continuing Prophecy of a conquering Christ.

So the Jews expect two Messiah's one like a suffering Joseph & the other to be more like King David.

We as Christians do understand this is not two Christ's but the same Messiah Jesus coming twice.

Jesus's first Advent was similar to the suffering Joseph, (Genesis 37-50) in fact Jesus's human step father was actually named after Joseph who's namesake was sold by his brothers who were the founders of the 12 Tribes of Israel into slavery with the victimized Joseph only to rise to the pinnacle of prominence. Later after securing Pharaoh's favor in Egypt and by his authority Joseph saved his family from starvation whom had once betrayed him with brotherly mercy and love in their desperate hour of need. Like Joseph Jesus Saves even though He was betrayed denied and crucified.

Where as King David united and ruled Israel using GOD'S Biblical statutes of Justice Law and Order.

In a nut shell during Jesus's first Advent He did come to us like a suffering Joseph, our Lord came to prepare us, to Save us, to qualify us to be able to enter into GOD'S "Thy Kingdom Come" by literally sacrificing Himself as in taking our punishment for our Sin owed to Holy Pure and Just Jehovah GOD.

Likewise when Jesus returns at His Second Coming of Advent He will return as our Conquering King-instituting and establishing Holy Heavenly Fathers "Thy Kingdom Come"(Rev.20) here upon the Earth.

Yes, this is indeed what John the Baptist was confused about.

John was hearing about the Gospel, the good news being given with healings and teachings preparing the "Way" for Thy Kingdom Come but he was hoping and anticipating Christ Jesus's rule immediately.

Remember the Baptizer was confined at this time in Herod Antipas's prison for speaking against Antipas and Herodias's non Biblical marriage. It would seem John's patience was wearing thin and perhaps he was weary and very much ready for Jesus to be the Conquering Messiah King right then.

As have been uncountable thousands of Faithful GOD fearing people for thousands of years in this world- each & all also being weary and tired of injustice pain crime tyranny death and blaspheme. Take heart & rest assured no one gets away with anything for all will be accounted for in GOD'S Time.

As for Jesus's response to the question of John the Baptist brought to Him by John's friends was an actual combining of Old Testament prophecies of the coming Christ Messiah fulfilled by Jesus.

✝ The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news (Gospel) to the poor; (Spiritually poor unsaved) Isaiah 61:1 ESV

✝ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.  
6 Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Isaiah 35:5-6 NIV

Meaning

✝ If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; <sup>38</sup> but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father. John 10: 37-38 RSV

These students of John the Baptist did not just hear second hand that Jesus gave sight to the blind, made quick the lame, or unstopped the ears of the deaf, but they had witnessed these miracles for themselves and it was then Christ our Lord issued this command unto John's followers- Go!

And report to John all that you have seen and heard here.

It has also been suggested by various Bible expositors down through the centuries that it is a possibility that John the Baptizer had sent some of his more hesitant, or loyal to him to the point of ignoring Jesus, or even Spiritually cautious Disciples to quiz Christ knowing what they would see- Evidences of Jesus's authority first hand for themselves. This reasoning is because the Gospel narrative makes clear the Baptizer had called and tasked these questioners precisely by name.