



*“Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?” (Luke 7:19)*

In times of doubt and fear, as was the case for John the Baptist, the above question arises. Jesus answers John with what John has witnessed. Because of Jesus’ embodiment in Word and Sacrament, we know how to answer in faith, “Yes!” to John’s question.

It seems, however, the nonbelieving world asks of Jesus similar questions:

Are you the only way to the Father, the Truth, and the Life? (John 14:6)

Are you the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning, end, and in between? (Rev 1:8)

Are you the same yesterday, today, and forever? (Hebrews 13:8)

Will you never leave me nor forsake me? (Hebrews 13:5)

Will heaven and earth pass away, but your words stand forever? (Matthew 24:35)

At one of our church plants, still supported by our Mission 1-1-1 weekly dollars, the wavering in faith to the most cynical nonbeliever still receive the same “Yes!” to all of these questions.

John 1:1 reminds us, *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”*