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When we face the uncertainty of our mortality, we tend to second guess all we know. This is not a weak trite or a limited thing built human nature. Look at John the Baptist:

Luke 7:20-29

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²⁰ When the men came to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?’”

²¹ At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. ²² So he replied to the messengers, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy^[a] are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ²³ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

²⁴ After John’s messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ²⁵ If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear expensive clothes and indulge in luxury are in palaces. ²⁶ But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is the one about whom it is written:

**“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.”^[b]**

²⁸ I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

²⁹ (All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus’ words, acknowledged that God’s way was right, because they had been baptized by John.

First Jesus answered their question like he always did, not with a yes or no. He stated what was happening because the Old Testament or the Jewish Bible stated the messiah will do these things so he reminded them what he was sent to do.

Then Jesus stated what John Was supposed to do. His role and what he was put forth to do. He wasn’t there for the money or power but to do God’s will. As a matter of fact, when pressed about how Jesus was becoming greater he stated:

John 3:30

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³⁰ He must become greater; I must become less.”^[a]

So even though he doubted, Jesus lifted him up and reinforced the masses about him. Knowing this was a human trate and John was human. Remember you are Human as well.

Serving Him,
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