



Go Deeper, 17th December 2023. Be more John?

Dear Miners,

I was struck my new information several times preparing for this, and reminded of various things I had forgotten. Did you know there were no parables in John? Or that John the baptiser / the Baptist is called simply John in John's gospel?

- Top tip this week – read John's gospel. What strikes you as different?
- I talked a lot about calling and vocation. John clearly had a strong sense of his. Do you have a sense of your calling or callings? Can you say what you are called to that's distinctively Christian?
- I find it interesting that even people with strong callings have to deal with doubt. Mother Theresa's diaries reveal long periods of feeling estranged from God and searching for God's presence. Likewise, John sent messengers to Jesus asking if he really was the Messiah. Does it surprise or comfort you to think that even 'giants' of the faith have doubt, the so-called 'dark night of the soul'?

Every Blessing

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Deeper Stuff

I have found +Arun's advent book *Stick With Love* enormously helpful.

<https://spckpublishing.co.uk/stick-with-love-566>

I am also benefitting from the newly arrived *What If Jesus Was Serious About Heaven* from Sky Jethani. Well worth a look. Short accessible illustrated chapters that still wrestle with big important theology. <https://www.amazon.co.uk/What-Jesus-Serious-about-Heaven/dp/1587436191>