

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

THAT YOU MAY HAVE CERTAINTY

A Message from John the Baptist
Luke 7:18-35

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1: John's Question to Jesus

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Luke 7:18-23 (ESV)

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him.
And John,

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¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

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Luke 7:18-23 (ESV)

²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’”

Luke 7:18-23 (ESV)

²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight.

Luke 7:18-23 (ESV)

²²And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.

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Luke 7:18-23 (ESV)

²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

Q: “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

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Matthew 3:11-12 (ESV)

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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Matthew 3:11-12 (ESV)

¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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Luke 7:21-22 (ESV)

²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight.

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Luke 7:21-22 (ESV)

²²And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.

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Isaiah 35:5-6 (ESV)

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

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Isaiah 35:5-6 (ESV)

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

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2: Jesus' View of John

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Luke 7:24-30 (ESV)

²⁴When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?"

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Luke 7:24-30 (ESV)

²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts.

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²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

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Luke 7:24-30 (ESV)

²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

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Luke 7:24-30 (ESV)

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

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Luke 7:24-30 (ESV)

²⁹(When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John,

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Luke 7:24-30 (ESV)

³⁰but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)

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Malachi 3:1 (ESV)

¹“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

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Luke 7:28 (ESV)

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

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3: A Story About People's Response to John and Jesus

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Luke 7:31-35 (ESV)

³¹“To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like?

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³²They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.’

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Luke 7:31-35 (ESV)

³³For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.'

Luke 7:31-35 (ESV)

³⁴The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

Luke 7:31-35 (ESV)

³⁵Yet wisdom is justified by all her children.”

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