

Luke 7.18-35: John the baptist's question and Jesus' response

PART 1: 7.18-23: JOHN'S QUESTION TO JESUS: "ARE YOU THE ONE WHO IS TO COME?"

JESUS' REPLY: JUBILEE IS BEING PRACTICED:

People with diseases, plagues/torments and evil spirits are being healed

Blind people are given sight (18.35-43)

Disabled people can walk (5.18-26)

Lepers are cleansed (5.12-14; 17.12-19)

The deaf can hear

The dead are raised (7.11-17)

The poor have good news brought to them (6.20)

PART 2: 7.24-28: JESUS QUESTIONS THE CROWD ABOUT JOHN: "WHAT DID YOU GO OUT TO THE WILDERNESS TO SEE?"

A reed shaken by the wind

Someone dressed in soft robes (12.27!)

A prophet (1.76)

More than a prophet

NARRATOR: 7.29-30: GOD'S JUSTICE AND JOHN'S BAPTISM

Being baptized by John, like the tax collectors, declares the justice of God

Refusing to be baptized, like the Pharisees, rejects God's purpose (Greek, *boulē*)

PART 3: 7.31-35: THE COMPARISON WITH CHILDREN IN THE MARKETPLACE

The flute players: You won't dance to our tune! Because John the baptist came fasting and abstaining, you say, "He has a demon"

The wailers: You won't weep to our wailing! Because the Human One came feasting and drinking, you say, "A glutton and a drunkard and a friend of tax collectors and sinners!"

Jesus: Wisdom (Sophia) is justified by her children