

December 14th 2025 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A Matthew 11:2-11

¹¹⁻²Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

³And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? ⁴Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: ⁵The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. ⁶And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me. ⁷And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? ⁸But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. ¹¹Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

<p>➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</p>	<p>➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</p> <p>➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</p>
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In this Sunday's gospel we read of the meeting between John's disciples and Jesus and Jesus speaking to John. John heard from his prison what Christ was doing and had a sense that he was the Messiah so he sent his disciples to ask him if he was. "Are you the one who is to come or are we to look for another?" (11:2) Jesus answered "Tell John what you see and hear". (11:4) Jesus answers with great confidence and belief in God's love for Him. John is invited to adapt his mind set and heart to the reality of the ministry of Jesus. John had to let the Spirit who guided Jesus transform him to see that the compassionate action and words of Jesus are God's way of bringing vitality to his people. What is it that locks you in your prison and prevents you from recognising that the ways of Jesus enable the blind to see, the lame to walk and the deaf to hear? We conquer evil by doing good with His help

Prayer:

Thank You Lord for the people who like Jesus invite us to hear and see how the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, lepers are cleansed and good news is proclaimed to the poor when we place our trust and belief in you.

Forgive us Lord for the times we let ourselves be imprisoned by our worries and anxieties and all the injustice in the world rather than bearing witness to your life and bringing the good news to the poor.

Help us all Lord to let people see the great things you are doing among us and not to lose faith in ourselves because you are always with us even when we do not feel it.