

ART THOU HE?

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INTRODUCTION

TEXT: *“And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to the Lord, saying, Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another?”* (Lk. 7:19).

A. THE SETTING: John is in prison.

1. Discuss why he is there.
2. What he had done.
3. And in connection with Jesus, what he was looking for.

B. WHY DID HE ASK?

1. This is the one who had introduced Jesus as “The Lamb Of God”.
2. Had spoke of the greatness of Jesus.

C. Maybe he was perplexed because things were not happening as quickly as he thought they would.

1. He had served God.
2. Looked for the kingdom.
3. Now he is in prison, facing death.
4. What was and who was Jesus.

D. OUR LESSON WILL BE A LOOK AT THE ANSWER JESUS GAVE.

EVIDENTIAL

A. Jesus did not give a simple “yes” or “no” answer.

1. He could have just answered “yes”.
2. He took the question seriously.

B. HE DID ACCEPT THE QUESTION.

1. Didn’t say that John should have known.
 2. Or that he should have understood, etc. Rather Jesus said.....
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OLD TESTAMENT SPEAKS

A. FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH.

1. 26:19; The dead shall live...dead shall arise.
2. 29:18; In that day the deaf shall hear...Blind shall see.
3. 35:5; Eyes shall be opened - ears of deaf unstopped.
4. *The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah hath anointed me to preach good things unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the year of Jehovah’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn...”* 61:1,2.

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B. JESUS' ANSWER....LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE.

1. John would have been familiar with what the scripture said about the Christ.
 2. So would have the disciples and the Jews in the audience of Jesus.
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A LOOK AT CHAPTER

A. THE HEALING OF THE CENTURION'S SERVANT.

1. Described by the Jews as a worthy one, even tho he was a Gentile.
2. His recognition of the power and authority of Jesus.
3. His servant was healed.

B. THE SON OF THE WIDOW OF NAIN.

1. Met the funeral procession.
2. Explained to Jesus who it was...widows only son.
3. Jesus stopped them and raised him from the dead.

C. THE WOMAN, DESCRIBED AS "A SINNER".

1. She washed His feet with her tears.
2. Wiped them with the hair of her head.
3. The Pharisees did not approve of Jesus in letting a sinner touch Him.

But

4. Jesus said.... *"Thy sins are forgiven"* v. 48.
 5. **Jesus' answer to John**... *"And he answered and said unto them, Go and tell John the things which ye have seen and heard; the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good tidings preached to them."* (Lk. 7:22).
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THE PHARISEES

A. THE PHARISEES HAD DENIED THIS EVIDENCE.

1. This was not unusual for them.
2. They had also denied John, and had refused him. v 30.

B. JESUS COMPARES THEM TO LITTLE CHILDREN. The way they act.

1. *"Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation, and to what are they like? They are like unto children that sit in the marketplace, and call one to another; who say, We piped unto you, and ye did not dance; we wailed, and ye did not weep."* (7:31-32).
2. Do you want to sing and be happy....NO!
3. Okay, we will be sad and weep. Again NO!
4. Whatever was offered was rejected.
5. In other words - there was no way to please them.

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C. *“For John the baptist is come eating no bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a demon. The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold, a gluttonous man, and a wine bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!”* (V 33-34).

1. John came.....Then Jesus....they came doing and acting differently.
 2. The Jews, because they wanted to....found fault with both!!!
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A. THE EVIDENCE IS THERE.

1. Jesus came, fulfilled all prophecy.
2. Was shown to be the Son of God, with mighty works, wonders and signs (Acts 2:22).

B. DID JOHN ACCEPT THE ANSWER GIVEN BY JESUS?

1. Jesus referred to him.. *“But what went ye out to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, Who shall prepare thy way before thee.’”* V. 24.
2. “Among them that are born of woman there is none greater than John”

C. THE EVIDENCE HAS BEEN GIVEN!

1. The Jews, closed their eyes and hearts and never accepted Him.
2. Others way Him and accepted Him as “My Lord and my God”.

D. TODAY.....

1. We have the evidence of His life and Word.
 2. Do you recognize Him as the Christ??
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