

# Two Men of God

Luke 7:18-23

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- John's question - (Lu. 7:18-20)
- Jesus' answer - quotations from Is. 29:18-19; 35:4-6; 61:1-2
- What did you go to see?
  - Reed swayed by the wind?
  - Man dressed in fine clothes?
  - A prophet?
- Jesus' assessment of John

# A difficult text

- From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it.
- <sup>13</sup> For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John.
- (Matt. 11:12-13 NIV)
- (All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus' words, acknowledged that God's way was right, because they had been baptized by John.
- <sup>30</sup> But the Pharisees and the experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.) (Lk. 7:29-30 NIV)

# Jesus describes his generation

- Children - “we played and you didn’t dance, we sang a dirge and you didn’t cry”
- John didn’t eat bread nor drink wine - “he has a demon”
- Son of man came eating and drinking - “a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners”
- Wisdom is proved right by all her children (deeds)

# Romans 14

- 14:1-4
- 14:5-9
- 14:10
- 14:13-18
- 14:19-20
- 14:23
- What would you substitute instead of meat?