

like Herod would be given the heave-hoe once and for all. But Jesus went about healing broken people, sharing table fellowship with tax collectors and sinners, and bringing good new to the poor; all the while Herod remained in power. Perhaps this is the source of John's question, "Are you the One?" What do you think? Why does John ask Jesus if he is the Messiah?

The Kingdom is Jesus

"Jesus' behavior may not look to John to be consonant with the repentance that he preached in the wilderness. Jesus, it seems, has some explaining to do. Jesus' kingdom is not some ideal of peace that requires the use of violence for its realization. Rather, the kingdom is Jesus, the one who has the power to overcome violence through love. (Stanley Hauerwas)" Response?



2019 Advent Schedule

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15: All Church Common Meal after
Worship at 11:00am

December 18: All Church Christmas Caroling at
6:00pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22: Table Groups in the Evening

Christmas Eve
Service of Carols, Candlelight and Communion at
6:00pm

Church
Christmas
Dinner **TODAY!**

Check your
Church directory
For new faces!

At the Cross
Recovery
Tonight @
6:30PM

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Order of Worship
15 December 2019
Third Sunday of Advent

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music
Welcome
Call to Worship
Worship Reading

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Sermon Series: Christmas Cards from Matthew
Sermon Three: "Christmas Incarceration"
Scripture Readings: Isaiah 35.1-6, Matthew 11.2-6

We Come to the Table

Passing the Peace of Christ
Song of preparation
Prayer of Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

***If you are a guest with us today,
Please take time to fill out a
Connection Card as you leave.
Thank You!***

Please visit us on our website,
www.tablelifechurch.org for details of events.

Also you will find, Worship folders, Church Calendar, more about our
ministries and online giving.

COMING SOON

Dec 15 Third Sunday of Advent/Church Christmas Dinner	12:30PM
Dec 18 Christmas Caroling with Soup and Hot Chocolate	6:00PM
Dec 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent/ sign up for Tablegroups	6:00PM
Dec 22 At the Cross Recovery	6:30PM
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service	6:00PM
Dec 25 Christmas Day	*****
Dec 29 At the Cross Recovery	6:30PM

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Sermon Reflection Guide

Isaiah 35.1-6

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

Matthew 11.2-6

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing,
he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you
the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"
Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear
and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the

lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have good news brought to them. And
blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

Question for Everyone:

(1) My standards are such that I am always disappoint-
ed in the quality of a product or the performance of
others. (10) My attitude is such that I am seldom dis-
appointed. Where would you place yourself on this
"disappointment" range?

Disappointment

Have you ever been disappointed on Christmas by the
gift that wasn't received? Tell the story. What are the
sources of the disappointment you experience? How
do you feel when you know you've disappointed oth-
ers?

Disappointment with God

(1) I'm constantly disappointed with God. (10) God has
never failed me and could never disappoint. Where
you would place yourself on this range?

Not Afraid to Disappoint

The fact of the matter is that the God revealed in Je-
sus Christ is not afraid to disappoint us. This is be-
cause the God of Jesus Christ isn't afraid of decon-
structing our assumptions about the way God works in
our world. Ever had any of your faith assumptions de-
constructed? Tell the story.

Waiting on God

During the season of Advent, the Church considers
what it means to wait upon the Lord. But we seldom
consider the ways in which the Lord is waiting on us.
Is God currently waiting on you? For what is God
waiting?

The Baptizer's Question

John the baptizer was preaching Messianic fire, law
and order with the reasonable assumption that guys