

SERMON TECH OUTLINE

Blessed Are Those Not Offended by Me · Luke 7:18–28 · 25 min

LEGEND: ref = scripture ref " = slide quote · = list item ! = key note — = speaker note >> = cue / action

SLIDE 1	Title Slide 0–5 min
>>	Blessed Are Those Not Offended by Me
ref	Luke 7:18–28 · Genesis 1:14–22 · Isaiah 61:1–2
—	Open inside the scene — John in Herod's prison, not a synagogue
SLIDE 2	John the Unsure 5–9 min
ref	Luke 7:20
"	'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'
—	Not a collapse of faith — a crisis of category
—	The precision of the question is theological: 'or do we look for another?'
SLIDE 3	John the Greatest 11–13 min
ref	Luke 7:28a
"	"I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John."
—	Canonical verdict — Moses, Elijah, Isaiah all reach their ceiling in John
—	He is the Malachi promise fulfilled. Honour him before what follows.
SLIDE 4	Genesis 1:14–22 — Dominion & Blessing 9–11 min
Heb	memsala (v.16) — Dominion is delegated from above
Heb	barak (v.22) — Blessing is spoken to the living
—	Day 4: God appoints the lights — no word spoken to the sun
—	Day 5: God speaks to the birds and fish — first blessing in Scripture
—	You do not need to hold office to receive blessing
SLIDE 5	The Blessing Catalogue 13–16 min
ref	Luke 7:22 (Isaiah 35 / 61)
·	Blind receive sight / Lamé walk / Lepers cleansed
·	Deaf hear / Dead raised / Good news to the poor
—	Every item is a Day 5 act — blessing spoken to those with no standing
—	Jesus answers with a list, not a title or power demonstration
SLIDE 6	The Missing Phrase 16–19 min
ref	Luke 4:18 (Isaiah 61:1)
"	"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives..."
!	This phrase is omitted in Jesus's answer to John (Luke 7:22)
—	John is a captive — he would have heard the omission immediately

- Jesus is not offering false comfort. Liberation is not in this catalogue.
- The blessing is real. The captivity is also real. They coexist.

SLIDE 7

The Hardest Beatitude *19–22 min*

- ref Luke 7:23
- " "And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."
- Read slowly — this is the last word Jesus sends to John
- A barak-word spoken to a man in prison told liberation is not coming yet
- Blessing arrives before dominion is set right — the kingdom's demand

SLIDE 8

The Question We Came With · CLOSE *22–25 min*

- ref Luke 7:28b
- " "Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."
- Name the congregation's version of John's question plainly
- The kingdom offers blessing in the midst of unjust dominion — not after
- >> **FINAL SLIDE — end of deck**