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Luke 7:18-20 CSB

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But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the evil things he had done, Herod added this to everything else—he locked up John in prison.

Luke 3:19-20 CSB

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At that time Jesus healed many people of diseases, afflictions, and evil spirits, and he granted sight to many blind people. He replied to them, "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard:

The blind receive their sight,
the lame walk, those with leprosy are cleansed,
the deaf hear,
the dead are raised,
and the poor are told the good news,

and blessed is the one who isn't offended by me."

Luke 7:21-23 CSB

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After John's messengers left, he began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothes? See, those who are splendidly dressed and live in luxury are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

Luke 7:24-26 CSB

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This is the one about whom it is written:

See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
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I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John, but the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

Luke 7:27-28 CSB

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I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John, but the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” (And when all the people, including the tax collectors, heard this, they **acknowledged** God’s **way of righteousness**, because they had been baptized with John’s baptism. But since the Pharisees and experts in the law had not been baptized by him, they rejected the plan of God for themselves.)

Luke 7:28-30 CSB

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“To what then should I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to each other:

**We played the flute for you,
but you didn't dance;
we sang a lament,
but you didn't weep!**

For John the Baptist did not come eating bread or drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon!’ The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is **vindicated** by all her children.”

Luke 7:31-35 CSB

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