

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Date: March 15

Text: Luke 7:11-35



Today's message in Luke 7:11-35 has a well known New Testament figure reentering the scene in God's Big Story.

Let's see if you can guess who?

- His father, Zechariah, named him at birth with a name given by God.
- His mother, Elizabeth, felt him leap in her belly at the sound of Mary's voice.
- His role in God's story was as a prophet, which means he told God's people about Jesus's new kingdom.
- He lived in the desert and was known for wearing camel hair and eating bugs.
- He baptized Jesus in the Jordan River.

Have you figured it out? You want one more clue, alright.
He famously called out to everyone, "Repent! Turn Around!"

If you guessed John the Baptist you are correct! John is an incredible man of faith. As a prophet, he told everyone about Jesus' Kingdom. Shortly after baptizing Jesus, John challenged Herod, the king of Israel, who really worked for the Roman government (bad guys of biblical times) on his awful behavior. Herod was so angry he had John thrown into prison, which was a horrible dungeon with barely any sunlight and food. Worst of all, there was no plumbing. *(Let that sink in. Is it too soon to mention no toilet paper?)*

As you hear today's message, think about John's situation. He has been in prison for a very long time. The only time he hears from his good friend Jesus is when he sends messengers. And those messengers talk about how Jesus has been busy caring for people and performing miracles. Still, John, who shared the Good News of Jesus first, has been sitting in a dungeon feeling scared, confused, and perhaps disappointed in Jesus.

Conversation Starters

1. Name some of the times when you feel doubtful, confused, and worried.
2. We know the world is broken because of sin, but how can your family model trust in Jesus with all things?
3. As a family, share an area you need your family to pray for you.

