

## **“BEING PREPARED: PREPARE TO SHARE WHAT YOU HEAR AND SEE”**

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Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.” (Matthew 11:2-10)

### **MEMORY VERSE**

“Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.” (Matthew 11:6 NIV)

#### **1. WHAT DID YOU COME HERE TO SEE?**

“For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,” (1 Corinthians 1:22)

##### **A. WE LONG TO BE IMPRESSED AND ENLIGHTENED.**

##### **B. WHAT WE NEED IS TO BE WITH JESUS.**

“but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,”  
(1 Corinthians 1:23)

#### **2. JESUS TELLS US WHAT WE NEED TO SEE.**

“The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.” (Matthew 11:5)

##### **A. OUR SIN**

##### **B. HIS MERCY**

##### **C. GOD BEHIND THE MIRACLE**

“However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” (Luke 10:20)

#### **3. GO AND TELL “JOHN!”**

“Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.” (Psalm 51:12)

##### **A. SPEAK TRUTH IN LOVE TO THE ONE WHO IS ASKING.**

##### **B. SINNERS ARE FORGIVEN, THE DEAD WILL RISE!**

“Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.” (Psalm 51:13)

### **GOING DEEPER**

1. Our culture longs for escape and entertainment. If you catch yourself wanting to “get away”, try reading Psalm 100 (or one of your favorite passages) instead. Try this more than once and take note of how you feel or of what changes.
2. Who has God put near you that may be asking questions like John did. For example, “Is Jesus really the Savior/does God love even me...?” Use Ephesians 5:1-2 as a way to frame your mind around praying for this person and your interactions with them.
3. Take 25 TruLife Cards and give them away as invitations to “come & see”!