

Lesson V.

JESUS AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

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Luke 7 : 18-28—Memory Verses, 22, 23

Golden Text—He hath done all things well.—Mark 7 : 37.

shaken with the wind? 25 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously appavelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts.

26 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.

27 This is *he*, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist : but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Soon after John the Baptist had baptized Jesus in the Jordan, he was shut up in prison by the wicked King Herod. He was often sad and lonely. He heard nothing of Jesus for a long time and began to wonder if He could have been the Saviour after all.

One day the news of Jesus' strange cures reached John's disciples and they told their master how everybody was talking of Jesus. "They say He is a prophet and can raise the dead. He must be God Himself". Then

John sent two of his friends to Jesus to ask, "Art thou He that should come or is it some one else?"

John's friends found Jesus very busy. He did not answer their questions at once. He was standing among a crowd of sick people who had plagues and evil spirits and other sicknesses. When Jesus had made everybody well, He turned to the messengers and said, "Go and tell John just what you have seen and heard; how the blind see and the

18 And the disciples of John shewed him of all these things.

19 And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Je'sus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

20 When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

21 And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.

22 Then Je'sus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

23 And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

24 And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out in the wilderness for to see? A reed