

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 3rd SUNDAY ADVENT 2025

THE MISSION OF JESUS IS DECLARED:

John the Baptist had been having a trial of Jesus and now he is asking *Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another*(Mt.11:2-11)did John develop doubts about Jesus?did he feel this is not the messiah people were expecting or was John's disciples doubting? We know people expected a **politically powerful messiah such as Jesus was not!**

In reply,our Lord confidently quotes Isaiah's description of the messiah it is proven by his **words** and **actions** thus explaining his mission and proving beyond any reasonable doubt that he fits the messiah.*Go and tell John what you **hear and see,the blind regain their sight,the lame walk,lepers are cleansed,deaf hear,dead are raised and the poor have good news preached to them.**These actions only the true messiah can perform and explains the true kingdom of heaven which is of **healing,justice and compassion** all these is found in the person of Jesus.This was the message the disciples of John delivered to him since he was in prison.

Jesus put John highly in conclusion that * in truth of all the children born to women,there has never been anyone greater than John the Baptist,yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greeter than he*John foresaw the kingdom he didn't live to enjoy it here on earth.He did not live long enough to see the cross,and to experience Jesus as Messiah,to see the true love of God being out poured as agong,tears,sweat and blood and death on the cross neither did John experience Christs resurrection hence we are so much privileged to witness all that.We see John in three Locations in his

life, **in the wilderness, near Jordan river and in prison.** These are very reverent important locations in the mission of John the Baptist and in each he did his mission without fear. We are called to imitate the life of John in our own way at our time despite the challenges we face this is too what John experienced in straightening the ways for the coming of the Messiah it is our turn now as we prepare for his coming this Christmas and at the end of time. How are you doing it yourself?