



**Third Week of Advent**  
**Wednesday, December 16th, 2020**

*Nick Rivelli '15, Archdiocese of Indianapolis Seminarian, shares his reflections on today's Scripture readings.*



IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25; PS 85:9AB, 10, 11-12, 13-14; LK 7:18B-23

I am prone to overthinking. Maybe some of you can relate. God answers my prayers, but then I come to him again with the same questions. I think John the Baptist was an overthinker, too. If anybody had "the answer" to the "Is Jesus really the one who is to come?" question, it would've been John...I mean, c'mon, he was dancing in his mother's womb when Mary came to visit! Yet in the Gospel today, he sends some of his disciples to double-check.

Even the greatest of Saints doubted when the going got tough. There's a big difference, though, between doubt and indifference. John asked the question, but then he sought out an answer to what was troubling him.

God, I know I am often indifferent. I turn away from you, even though you "are the LORD," and "there is no other." You're our Maker, yet I puzzle over the strife within and around me, or I try (and fail) to numb it out. You wait eagerly to "let justice descend," you invite us to "turn to you and be safe." We refuse to "let the earth open" to receive your rain and then are baffled and frustrated when we don't see "justice spring up."

Scripture today is clear: there is only one Savior and God. His name is Jesus. If you doubt this, don't worry! Bring him your questions and doubts, like John's disciples did. At that time, "Jesus cured many of their diseases, sufferings, and evil spirits," and he gave his cousin John the answer he was looking for. He is our Savior still today...but are we open to him? Mariah Carey once sang, "There can be miracles when you believe." Lord, as we move through Advent, Christmas, and into the New Year, obliterate indifference in our hearts. Help us to bring our doubts to you, and in finding you, to believe.

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