

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Matthew 11: 2-11

2. Now when John had heard in the prison (where he had been banged up by Herod because of the things he had been preaching about his exceeding naughtiness) about the works of Christ (a), he sent two of his disciples with a question.
3. And they said unto Jesus, Art thou He that should come, or do we look for another who is yet delayed by the lack of public transport? You know, camels and all that.
4. Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see. And they said unto Him, How are we to shew him? And He answered saying, I am being figurative. Tell him of what you have seen and heard. Use hand actions. Just be creative, that's all.
5. Say that to those who have naught is given much, the hungry are fed and the naked clothed. Moreover, the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them whether they like it or not. And those who are first shall be last and the last first. And the blond shall become dark haired and the bearded clean-shaven.
6. And if that's not enough, blessed is he or she or they whosoever shall not be offended in Me, by Me or with Me, for my declensions embrace all.
7. And as they departed troubled by these sayings for they understood not, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? Thou knowest there are no reeds in the desert but they are found only by the water that giveth life. But, hey! The metaphorical exegesis works, doesn't it?
8. But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses and hath finances to afford the best tailors. Or off the peg at Wyp'El. (b) For they worry not about the cost but feel the width. And don't even start getting excited about lace!
9. But, and I ask a third time for this is the method by which your teachers make their point, what went ye out for to see? And a man did answer saying, A prophet. And Jesus looked at him and asked, A prophet? Yup! Thou art right. And He looked around and proclaimeth, Truly I say unto you and to all here, Not just a prophet but more than a prophet. Oh yes!
10. For this is he, of whom it is somewhere written,
Behold, I send my messenger before thy face,
Which shall prepare thy way before thee.
For the rough shall be made smooth, the short shall be tall,
And a highway carved through the wilderness,
Subject, of course, to the Council's approval.
11. Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women (c) there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he or she that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. Or was it she? Now I'm getting confused. And the crowds were puzzled at this as were His disciples. And suddenly they began to argue amongst themselves which way was Bethany.

(a) Let the reader understand that this is the author's own understanding of Jesus. Some scholars argue that this was an expletive.

(b) The Sanhedrin outfitter in Jerusalem.

(c) The Gospel does not further elucidate how any can be born NOT of a woman.