

A painting of a person sitting on a bed in a dimly lit room. The person is wearing a long, patterned robe and is looking towards the left. The room has a red headboard and a yellow wall. A bright light source is visible on the left side of the frame, creating a strong glow. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

Third Sunday of Advent *Year A*

Isaiah 35:1-10 • Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55 • James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

The wilderness and the dry land shall
be glad, the desert shall rejoice and
blossom...

Isaiah 35:1ab



John the Baptist in
the Wilderness

Hieronymus Bosch
Museum of Lázaro
Galdiano
Madrid, Spain

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened.

Isaiah 35:5



Healing the Sick -- Ulrich Henn, St. James Cathedral, Seattle, WA

And the ransomed of the LORD shall
return, and come to Zion with singing...

Isaiah 35:10a



Ethiopian Orthodox Choir -- Paint on stretched leather

...come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon
their heads...

Isaiah 35:1ab



A Mighty Fortress is Our
God

Gotthardt Kuehl

...hope is in the LORD...who executes
justice for the oppressed; who gives
food to the hungry.

Psalm 146:7a



St. Lawrence Distributing the Riches of the Church -- Bernardo Strozzi, St. Louis Art Museum

The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow...

Psalm 146:9a



Widow Costard's
cow and goods,
distraigned for
taxes, are
redeemed by the
generosity of
Johnny Pearmain

Edward Penney
Yale Center for
British Art

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."

Luke 1:46b-47



The Annunciation -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

Annunciation to the Virgin
Mary

Jacopo da Pontormo, Chiesa
da Santa Felicita
Florence, Italy





Annunciation -- Henry Ossawa Tanner, Philadelphia Museum of Art



Annunciation to
Mary

L. O. Fakeye, photo
of carved panel
from National
Archives



Madonna of the Magnificat -- Botticelli, Uffizi, Florence, Italy

Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

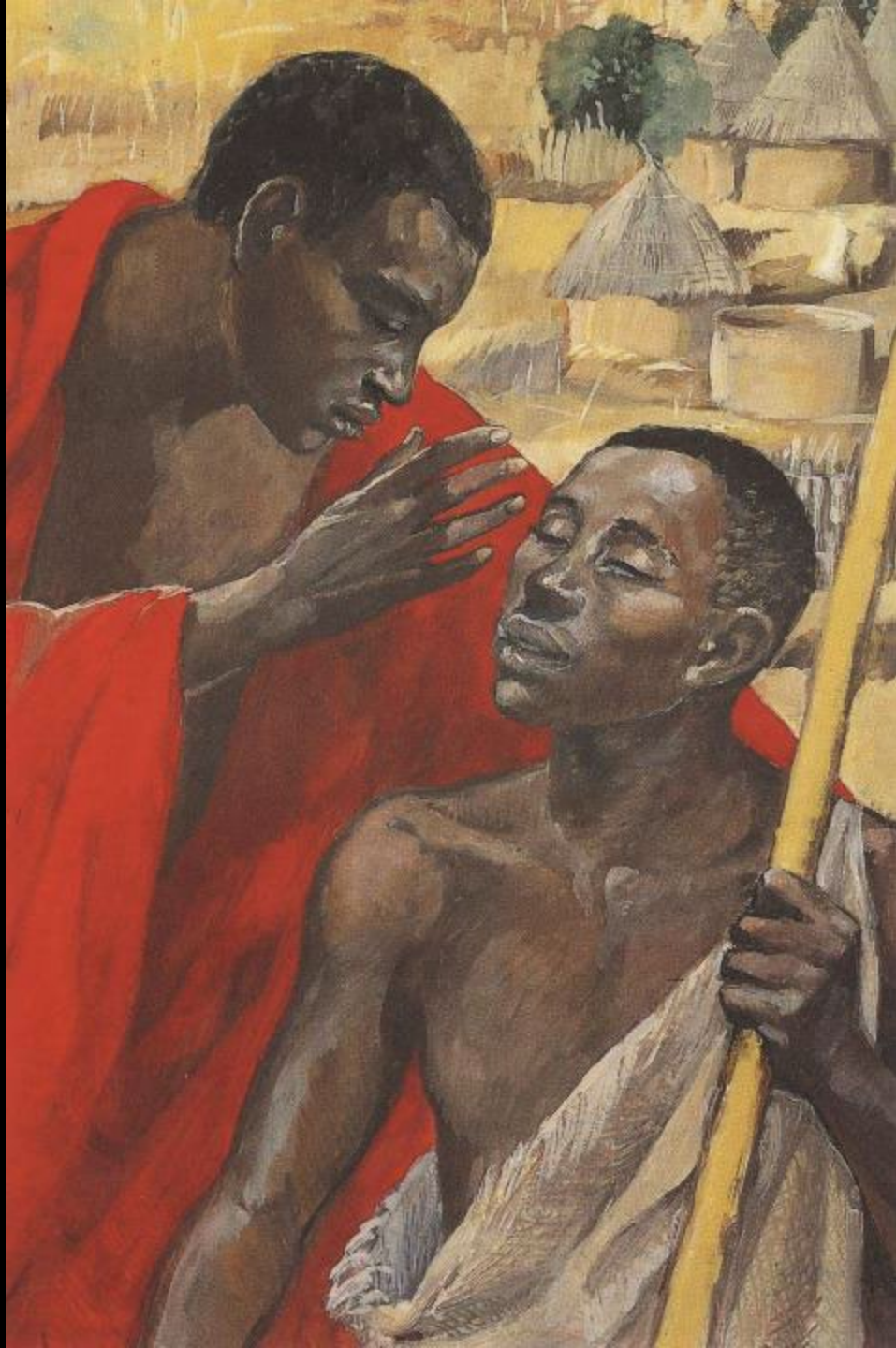
James 5:7



Wheat Field in Rain -- Vincent van Gogh, Philadelphia Museum of Art

the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them

Matthew 11:5



Jesus Cures the Man Born Blind

JESUS MAFA
Cameroon



Healing of the Leper

Basilica of St. Francis
of the Leper
Caninde, Brazil

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11:11



John the Baptist

Aleksandr Ivanov
Tretyakov Gallery
Moscow, Russia

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