



Words for Wondering

An Advent to Epiphany Course from the
Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

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Robes



Scripture: **Matthew 11: 7-9a**

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet?

Reflection

There are things we know about John the Baptist and his robes and things we don't. In Matthew 3 that John the Baptist we hear that the robes were made of camel hair, and in Matthew 11 Jesus asks if people expected to see John the Baptist in soft robes. Camel hair robes would not have been soft and comfy. Prophets are not meant to be soft and comfy. What irritates you about the world this Advent like camel hair would against your skin - what might you being challenged to act upon?

To Listen

King of Kings, Majesty by Jarrod Cooper and (Are You) The One I've Been Looking For by Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds

O Radix Jesse by Joel Rust