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Luke 7:19-35

19 And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? 20 When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? 21 And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight. 22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. 23 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me. 24 And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind? 25 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously appareled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts. 26 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. 27 This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. 28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he. 29 And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. 30 But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him. 31 And the Lord said, Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation? and to what are they like? 32 They are like unto children sitting in the marketplace, and calling one to another, and saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned to you, and ye have not wept. 33 For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a devil. 34 The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners! 35 But wisdom is justified of all her children.

Luke chapter 7

Jesus continues to demonstrate His power over sickness and disease, but also His love and compassion for people. So much so the disciples of John, in verse 18, go to tell him what Jesus has done. If you remember when Jesus came to be baptized John gave testimony that Jesus was indeed the Christ saying "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Joh 1:29



Poor John, at this time he is in prison (see Mat 11:2) most likely discouraged and confused. It is recorded here in verse 19 that John sent two disciples to ask of Jesus if He is actually the Messiah or not after being so confident earlier. John believed before, and he must of known how angels had announced both his and His cousins own birth. What changed; circumstances, doubts, fear, confusion maybe?

Perhaps you have experienced the same doubts at various time in your life. This illustrates the reason why we should walk by faith and not sight (2Co 5:7). Here are a few verses to remember when doubt rears its ugly head:

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

1Ti 1:18-19 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

In the face of adversity, trials, fears, and doubt is when we really find out how steady our faith is and have tremendous opportunity to grow. It also makes one think of God's great mercy, forgiveness, and grace. Job said, even thou he slay me

Jesus answers John's disciples but simply telling them to tell John what they have heard and seen. Jesus spoke with authority and wisdom and the miraculous was happening at the hands of Jesus. How much testimony did they need, how much did John need? I suppose the question is how much do we need? For the unbeliever the testimony of God's existence and power is everywhere around them in His creation (see Rom 1:20). There is also the testimony of His Word, in the changed life of the believer, and the fact that the disciples we're willing to die for what they believed and knew first hand to be true. For the believer it's a matter of learning to trust God in all facets of life and at all times. Difficult at times, yes, but only in relation to the faith you have in God. He can be trusted.

Jesus speaks to the crowd about John and asks what they went out to see. Why? John was the one prophesied to prepare the way of the Lord, the voice of one crying in the wilderness (Isa 40:3 & Mat 3:3 / Mal 4:5-6 & Mat 17:10-12). Jesus explains that of one "born of women there is not a greater prophet" but there was one greater than him standing before them.

In verse 29 the people respond and seem to accept Jesus and His Word, but not all. The religious leaders reject it at their own demise. They were envious, they felt what they had to say was more important. The religious leaders wanted praise and respect but John and now this Jesus has gained it instead. (see Mat 27:18, and Act 17:5) Jesus tells them exactly what their attitude by his illustration in verses 31-32. As Jesus explained earlier, he is the 'greater', but they're lack of humility

keeps them from hearing and seeing the truth. Humility is against most people's nature, especially those that think they know something. Humility is very important in the life of the believer. Some good verses to remember are:

Pro 22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

Jam 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

1Pt 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

The religious leaders had plenty accusations for both John and Jesus. These accusations even showed the contradicted in their thinking and their misaligned motive. Jesus ends by very clearly telling them they are not wise in rejecting His counsel, His truth.

I hope you enjoyed the lesson, may God bless you and your families. Please feel free to share it with others.