

The Life of Jesus: Jesus commends John the Baptist

Luke 7:24-35 : Matthew 11:7-19

- 1. Luke 7:24-27, Matthew 11:7-10**
Jesus addresses the crowd concerning John.
 - 1. What did you go out to see?**
 - a. A reed shaken by the wind**
 - b. A man dressed in soft clothes**
 - c. A prophet**
 - d. More than a prophet. Who is he? (Malachi 3:1)**

- 2. Luke 7:28, Matthew 11:11**
 - A. None greater than John**
 - B. The least in the Kingdom is greater. (?)**

- 3. Matthew 11:12-14**
 - A. From John to now the Kingdom**
 - 1. Suffers violence.**
 - 2. Violent men take it by force**
 - B. Prophets and the Law prophesied until John**
 - C. John is Elijah (?) Malachi 4:5**

- 4. Luke 7:29-30**
 - A. Two reactions to the ministry of John the Baptist**
 - 1. "All the people" and tax collectors**
 - a. Declared God just**
 - b. Having been baptized**
 - 2. Pharisees and Lawyers**
 - a. Rejected the purpose of God**
 - b. Not receiving baptism**

- 5. He who has ears let him hear! (Matthew 11:15)**

- 6. Jesus compares "this" generation to children. (Matthew 11:16-19, Luke 7:31-34)**
 - A. We played you did not dance.**
 - B. We sang you did not mourn.**
 - C. John came neither eating or drinking**
 - 1. You say he has a demon**
 - D. Jesus came eating and drinking**
 - 1. You say he is a friend of drunkards, tax collectors, and sinners.**

- 7. KEY TEXT**
 - A. WISDOM IS JUSTIFIED BY HER CHILDREN (Luke 7:35)**
 - B. WISDOM IS JUSTIFIED BY HER DEEDS (Matthew 11:19) C. Proverbs 8-9**

