

“The One Who Is Not Offended”

Seeing Jesus In The Ministry Of John The Baptist

Luke 7:18-35

Jesus regarded John the Baptizer as the greatest man who ever lived (v 28). But now John was having grave doubts about Jesus’ identity. He did what we all should do when we question someone’s credibility – he went straight to the source. He sent men to Jesus with a direct and probing question. Observe today as Jesus graciously and definitively answers that question then discloses more about his person and work by unfolding who John truly is – the fulfillment of Biblical prophecies!

I. _____ about Jesus – Seeking a _____ (v 18-23).

- 1) John prophesied of Jesus’ baptizing with “the _____ and with _____” (2:16).
- 2) John had heard of the _____, but where was the _____?
- 3) Don’t be afraid of _____ about _____, but handle them responsibly.
- 4) Jesus graciously _____ his identity immediately. Quite a _____!
- 5) Jesus is _____ in the _____ of his ministry. Does it _____ you?

II. _____ John – Setting a _____ straight (v 24-27).

- 1) John was an ascetic (Mt. 3:1, 4), but he was a _____ for God!
- 2) Furthermore, Jesus taught that _____ was _____ in John.
- 3) If John is the _____ (Mal. 3:1) then Jesus is the _____ of _____.
- 4) If John is the _____ (Is. 40:3-5) then Jesus is the _____ of the _____.
- 5) If John is _____ (Mt. 11:14-15) then the ‘great and awesome _____ of the _____ is upon us (Mal. 4:5-6). Do you see how _____ and Jesus’ _____ are linked?

III. _____ Justice – that we are _____ and God is _____ (v 28-35, Ro 3:26).

- 1) The _____, _____ Christian is greater than _____.
- 2) _____ declares God’s justice (by acknowledging our sinfulness) and _____.
- 3) Note the _____ of Israel’s (and our) _____.
- 4) “Wisdom (God’s way, v 28) is justified (shown to be right) by all her children.”