

## CHRIST'S COMMENDATION OF JOHN'S MINISTRY

(Luke 7:18-35)

### A. JESUS HEALS THE CENTURION'S SERVANT (Luke 7:1-10)

### B. JESUS RAISES THE WIDOW'S SON (Luke 7:11-17)

### C. JESUS ANSWERS JOHN THE BAPTIST'S QUESTION (Luke 7:18-23)

1. John the Baptist had anticipated that the Messiah would set up the kingdom, but after being in prison for several months he got to \_\_\_\_\_ why there was a \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 18-20)

\* Is there a big difference between doubt and unbelief?

2. Jesus told John's disciples to tell him what they saw; which was one \_\_\_\_\_ sign after another; displaying His Messianic \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 21-22, cf. Isaiah 29:18-19; 35:5-6; 42:7; 61:1)

3. John should not be \_\_\_\_\_ or "offended" (*skandalizo*) by what Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ doing. He was not to have false expectations; he did not know the plan, whereas the Messiah did. (v. 23)

\* How could John's attitude relate to your present trials?

### D. JESUS GIVES PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF JOHN'S IDENTITY (Luke 7:24-28)

1. After John's disciples left, just so the crowd did not get the \_\_\_\_\_ impression Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the Baptizer's public ministry. (v. 24a)

2. Jesus asked three questions concerning John's prophetic ministry...

- a. Was John a man who \_\_\_\_\_, a man without \_\_\_\_\_, being tossed about by the wind? (v. 24b)

- b. Was John clothed in effeminate \_\_\_\_\_ living \_\_\_\_\_ in a king's palace? (v. 25)
- c. Was John just another \_\_\_\_\_ of God? (v. 26)
3. John was "*more than a prophet*" because he was the \_\_\_\_\_ to the one and only – Jewish \_\_\_\_\_, the Redeemer of the world. (vv. 27-28, cf. Mal. 3:1)
- \* How is "*he who is least in the kingdom of God*" greater than John? (v. 28b)

#### E. JESUS' CRITICISM OF HIS UNBELIEVING GENERATION (Luke 7:29-35)

1. When the people heard what Jesus had to say about John, it \_\_\_\_\_ their earlier convictions when they had \_\_\_\_\_ his message and had gotten baptized by him. (v. 29)
2. Ironically the doctors of the law who should have understood John's message of repentance, \_\_\_\_\_ to be baptized by him, indicating their \_\_\_\_\_ of God's plan of salvation for themselves. (v. 30)
3. Jesus said His rejecters had a fickle \_\_\_\_\_ like a child, and when He and John did not "\_\_\_\_\_ " to their tune, they became upset with both of them. (vv. 31-32)
4. In their minds, John was to one extreme, he \_\_\_\_\_ eat normal food and drink wine, and Jesus was to the other extreme, He ate and drank \_\_\_\_\_ food and wine. (vv. 33-35)

\* What can you personally apply from this passage?