



## SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 7:18-35 (NAS)

Topic: "Erasing Doubt"

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- 18 And the disciples of John reported to him about all these things.  
19 And summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?"  
20 And when the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?'"  
21 At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He granted sight to many who were blind.  
22 And He answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.  
23 "And blessed is he who keeps from stumbling over Me."  
24 And when the messengers of John had left, He began to speak to the multitudes about John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?  
25 "But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are splendidly clothed and live in luxury are found in royal palaces.  
26 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and one who is more than a prophet.  
27 "This is the one about whom it is written, 'BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOUR FACE, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.'  
28 "I say to you, among those born of women, there is no one greater than John; yet he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."  
29 And when all the people and the tax-gatherers heard this, they acknowledged God's justice, having been baptized with the baptism of John.  
30 But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves, not having been baptized by John.  
31 "To what then shall I compare the men of this generation, and what are they like?  
32 "They are like children who sit in the market place and call to one another; and they say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.'  
33 "For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine; and you say, 'He has a demon!'  
34 "The Son of Man has come eating and drinking; and you say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man, and a drunkard, a friend of tax-gatherers and sinners!'  
35 "Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

## II. JESUS ANSWERS JOHN *John 20:30, 31*

### III. JESUS COMMENDS JOHN

- A. What John Is Not
- B. That He Was The Last Old Testament Prophet

### IV. TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE

- A. Those Who Believe And Repent
- B. Those Who Stand As Critics

## I. JOHN THE BAPTIST

- A. His Life And Ministry *Luke 1:41-43*
- B. His Battle With Doubt
  - 1. What prompted it? *Romans 7:15*
  - 2. How did he deal with it? *Prov. 3:5 Psalm 4:5; 37:3*