

KING FOR ALL #14
Luke's Gospel
Doubt - Luke 7:18-35



A. SERMON POINTS

1. Are you offended by Jesus? (v18-23)
2. Who are you listening to? (v24-30)
3. Are you responding appropriately to Jesus? (v31-35)

B. DISCUSSION STARTER

What creates doubt in the Christian life?

C. FROM THE BIBLE

1. Note that each section (v18-23, v24-30, v31-35) contains a **question** (v19, v24, v31), an **answer** (v22, v27, 32-34) and a **concluding statement** (v23, v28-29, v35).

In your own words:

What are the questions?

What are the answers?

What are the concluding statements?

2. What exactly caused the doubt in John's mind? Cf. Luke 3:7,9,17

Note:

In v22, Jesus alluded to various passages in the book of Isaiah as to what would happen in the coming of God's great Kingdom. Cf. Isaiah 26:19, 35:5-6, 42:18, 61:1 etc.

V28. John, the last and greatest of the prophets of the "old covenant", marks the beginning of a new and better covenant, the coming of the "kingdom of God"!

V33. The children responded inappropriately. They wouldn't dance at the happy flute or weep for the sad funeral song.

D. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

1. Do you have any misguided expectations of Jesus and the Christian life? For example, bad things shouldn't happen to Christians? Or, Jesus would never allow Christians to suffer?
2. Why is the littlest or newest Christian even more privileged than the greatest Old Covenant prophet? (v28)
3. V33-34. "Styles of ministry is not the real cause of people rejecting God's truth about Jesus. Christian denominations and churches may differ on style. People reject the truth, not because of style, but because of the message." Would you agree with the statement? Why or why not?
4. What is the appropriate response to Jesus?

E. PRAYER SUGGESTION

Please pray for our Women's ministry, particularly that the women in our church would grow in their love for the Lord as they seek to faithfully serve Him.

Reminder

We believe that the Bible is God's final, sufficient, and authoritative message to the world; and the Bible is centred on Jesus. Nothing is more important to the life and growth of the church than that we listen to His ancient, yet ever-relevant, Word.

One of our church's core values is:

