

John, More Than A Prophet

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Luke 7: 18-35

Vs. 26

Intro. **A** Jesus went to Capernaum after He had taught the people about the Kingdom of God.

Vs. 9, 10 **1.** He healed the Centurion's servant.

14-15 **2.** He raised the widow's son from the dead.

B. These miracles aroused those who saw them.

Vs. 16 **1.** They were filled with great fear.

2. They glorified God, and speculated on Him.

3. "A great prophet has risen among us!"

4. "God has visited his people".

C. The disciples of John heard all of these things.

Vs. 16 **1.** They told him all of these things.

Vs. 17 **2.** The stories had spread through out all Judaea

D. John, in prison, sought further confirmation as to the person and mission of Jesus.

Vs. 19 **1.** He sent two of His disciples to Jesus.

2. He instructed them to question Him.

"Art thou he that should come"? or look we for another?"

Vs. 20 **3.** They did as John instructed them.

E. Jesus continued to do miracles.

Vs. 21 **1.** "Cured" = θεραπεύω = to render service, to take care of the sick. In N.T., to relieve, cure, heal

2. "infirmities" = νόσος = "confirmed disease".

3. "plagues" = μάστιξ = a whip, a scourge, then a punishment from God.

4. "evil spirits" = satanic oppression.

5. "and unto many that were blind he gave sight".

- D.** The Pharisees and lawyers did not believe John.
- Vs. 30 1. "Rejected" = ἀθετέω = to set aside, cast off.
2. "Counsel" = βουλή = purpose, plan, advice
3. By rejecting John's baptism they thwarted God's plan for them and also for Israel.
4. "...being not baptized of him".

E. Wherefore shall I liken the men of this generation?

1. Jesus found a way to illustrate the thinking of those who rejected John and also Him.
- Vs. 32 2. They are like children in the market place. (children accompanied their parents)
- Vs. 33 3. John was a man who abstained.
- Vs. 34 4. Jesus was a man of normal appetite.

F. A person's actions are a product of their thinking.

- Vs. 35 1. Wise actions justify wise thinking.
2. The Pharisees and lawyers rejected the preaching of John. They did not receive immersion at his hand. This was a display of stupidity, not wisdom.

G. What about you are you offended by God's word?

1. Are you rejecting His plan for you?
2. If you are saved you should be immersed.