Luke 7:18-35

INTRODUCTION

- * The earthly ministry of Jesus was marked by many miraculous events. We have already seen Jesus cast out demons, heal general sicknesses and specific diseases including leprosy, healing a paralytic, and healing a man with withered hand. Last week, we saw Jesus heal the Centurion's servant from a distance and raise the widow of Nain's son from the dead!
- * One would think that this would be enough proof to validate His claim as Messiah. However, we know that from the response of many today, that is sadly not the case.
- * However, there are times when even we who believe can be confused and have shades of doubt regarding what we have read in God's Word. Today, we will see how Jesus addressed doubt in those who were around Him.

INSTRUCTION

- I. JOHN'S REQUEST (v. 18-20)
 - A. His S_____
 - 1. THE F OF JESUS (cf. John 1)
 - 2. THE P OF HEROD (Mt 11:2-6; 14:3-5)
 - **B.** His Q_____(v. 18-20)
 - 1. THE B_____ OF THE QUESTION (v. 18)
 - 2. THE E OF THE QUESTION (v. 19-20) * cf. Gen 49:10; Isa 9:1-7; 11:1; 40:10-11; 59:20-21; Jer 23:5-6; Dan 9:25-26; Zech 9:9; Mal 3:1-3; cf. Heb 10:35-39; Habakkuk 2:2-4
 - * cf. Luke 1:21; 3:15; Luke 8:40

C. His C____

- 1. OUR THEOLOGY (cf. Luke 3:7-9; John 6:14-15)
- 2. OUR FEELINGS (cf. Philippians 4:6-8)

II. JESUS' RESPONSE (v. 21-35)

- A. Regarding H_____ (v. 21-23)
 - 1. A REMINDER
 - 2. A CHALLENGE
- **B.** Regarding J_____ (v. 24-28)
 - 1. HIS I_____ (v. 24-27)
 - 2. HIS S_____ (v. 28)
- C. Regarding T_____(v. 29-35)
 - 1. THE CHILDREN OF F_____
 - 2. THE CHILDREN OF W_____ (cf. Proverbs 8, 9)

INTROSPECTION

- * How do you respond when you are confused regarding the truth? Do you turn to man or God?
- * Is Jesus a stumbling-block to you? Are you willing to believe and trust in Him?
- * Are you anxiously awaiting for Christ's coming? (cf. Revelation 16:15; 22:7,12,20)
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

* Read Proverbs 8 and 9. Comparing/Contrasting with Luke 7:18-35 - How can "Wisdom be justified by all her children" in our lives?