

"The Greatest Man on Earth"

Luke 7:24-30

A. The Context for this Passage (7:18-35)

1. John's feelings of _____ about Jesus (7:18-20)
2. Jesus fulfills _____ as _____ (7:21-23)
3. John fulfills _____ as _____ (7:24-30)
4. Jesus forecasts _____ for Israel (7:31-35)

B. Jesus' Commendation of John (7:24-28)

1. John's _____ (7:24, 25)
 - a. His convictions – not _____ or _____
 - 1) Confronts _____ (Matt 3:7-12)
 - 2) Confronts _____ (3:19, 20)
 - b. His clothing – not _____ or _____ (Mark 1:6)
 - 1) Not into _____ life (1:80; 3:2)
 - 2) Not into _____ indulgence (1:15; II Pet 2:13)
2. John's _____ (7:26, 27)
 - a. Not _____ prophet (20:6; Matt 14:5)
 - b. But _____ prophet (Isa 40:3-5; Mal 3:1; 4:5, 6)
 - 1) _____ people for the Messiah (1:16, 17; 3:3-6)
 - 2) _____ people to the Messiah (3:15, 16; John 1:29-34)
3. Jesus' _____: "There is no one _____" (7:28)
 - a. Not for his personal _____ (1:14, 15)
 - b. Not for his powerful _____ (Matt 3:5, 6)
 - c. But for his privileged _____ (Isa 40:3-5; Mal 3:1; 4:5, 6)

- 1) Was like _____ (1:17)
- 2) Would be _____ who was to come if _____ was _____ (Mal 4:5; Matt 11:14)
- 3) Will be another _____ because Jesus was _____ (Matt 17:10-13; Rev: 11:3-12)

C. Luke's Conclusion Regarding People's Response to John (7:29, 30)

1. The _____ people _____ John's message (7:29; 1:16; 6:20-23; I Cor 1:26-31)
 - a. Acknowledge God's way of _____
 - b. Action of being _____
2. The _____ people _____ John's message (7:30, 39; 6:24-26; 20:1-8)
 - a. Reject God's plan of _____ through _____ (7:36-50; Matt 21:32)
 - b. Reject their need to _____, rather they _____ themselves (5:30-32; 16:14, 15; 18:11, 12)

D. Some Conclusions for Us

1. Realize that it is not what _____ think that is _____, it's what _____ thinks! (John 2:1)
2. Remember that _____ standard of _____ is far different than _____ standard. (Isa 55:8, 9)
3. Realize that while many _____ that they have _____ Christ, it is those who _____ their faith by _____ that get into the _____ (8:13, 14; John 5:35)

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Next Week: ***"Those Greater Than The Greatest!"*** (Luke 7:28)