

July 18, 2021  
Luke 7:18-35

***The Parables of Jesus:  
Children in the Marketplace***

John's question to Jesus 7:18-23

John 1:29 – **Behold the Lamb of God**

***Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?*** v. 19

Things did not go so well for John

Confusion regarding Jesus

Lack of complete revelation

Wrong expectations

Jesus responds with a collage of phrases from the Old Testament v. 22 (Isaiah 35:4-6; 26:29; 29:18-19; 42:1-7; 61:1)

***Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me v. 23***

1. Jesus view of John the Baptist 7:24-30

***But what did you go out to see?***

***A reed swayed by the wind? v. 24***

***A man dressed in fine clothes? v.25***

***A prophet? v. 26***

***I tell you more than a prophet v. 26***

Malachi 3:1

Luke 1:17

***No one greater than John v. 28***

***The one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he v. 28***

## 2. Jesus' parable of rebuke 7:31-35

Question #1 – What is the identity of the original audience?

Question #2 – What is the problem question or circumstance that prompted the parable?

Question #3 – What is the natural meaning of the parable?

Question #4 – What is the main point of the parable?

Question #5 – What is the actual or intended response of the hearers? vv. 33-34

Question #6 – What interpretation did Jesus give the parable? v. 35

#### Questions for discussion

1. What advantages do we have today over the Old Testament saints?
2. Discuss a time when you were discouraged and wondered if you had misunderstood God's direction?
3. Do you think that John the Baptist sinned by his indecision about the identity of Jesus? Why or why not?
4. How did the response of Jesus answer the previous question?