

Jesus Says...

What Do You Expect?

Luke 7:18-35

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Jesus that you want Him to be?
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Exposition

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- **John's current situation**
(see Luke 3:19,20; Mark 6:17-29)
- **John's doubts and questions**
(See Luke 3:4-9, 15-17)
 - Something doesn't compute
 - Two different aspects of Messiah:
 - Suffering Servant (1st Advent)
 - Conquering King (2nd Advent)
- **Jesus:**
 - Don't stumble over what I'm not doing that you think I should be doing!
 - Trust God for who He is, not who you think He should be!

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- **Jesus speaks favorably of John – despite his doubts and questions!**
- **Agreeing with God as long as He agrees with me?**

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Like Obstinate Children:

Why aren't you playing my game? (vs. 24-30)

- **See Matt 13:16-17; 23:37,38**
- **John came in austerity – they called him demonic**
- **Jesus came enjoying normal things – they called Him a lush**
- **God refuses to dance to our tune on our demand... we are designed to dance to Heaven's tune!**

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Personal Application

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- **Don't stumble over what God is not doing that you think He should be doing ... trust Him for who He is, not who you think He should be!**
- **Beware of only really listening to what God says when that agrees with you!**
- **What longing within is yours: that God would do what – or that you would do what He wants?**

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