

Questions for Gospel Harmony #35/36

Luke 7.11-17

Matthew 11.2-30; Luke 7.18-35

1. What would have been the condition of a widow whose only son died in that time period? Why did “great fear” come upon the people? Explain the phrase “God has visited His people.” (Luke 7.11-17)

Special Question: It appears in this and other verses that there were some disciples of John who continued following him even after he began directing people to follow Jesus. Why do you think the people would have chosen to follow John instead of Christ?

2. What is meant by the expression “the Coming One”? (Matthew 11.2-3; Luke 18.18-20)

Special Question: Do you think John was doubting that Jesus is truly the Christ? Why, or why not? Is it a sin to have doubts about Jesus or God?

3. How did Jesus respond to John’s question? What is the significance of the miracles He worked on this occasion? (Matthew 11.4-6; Luke 7.22-23)

4. Explain these questions: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses.” What did Jesus mean by these questions? (Matthew 11.7-8; Luke 7.24-25)

5. What did Jesus mean when He said that John was “more than a prophet”? What did Jesus mean when He said “there has not risen one greater than John”? How is the “least in the kingdom” greater than John? (Matthew 11.9-11; Luke 7.26-28)

6. Explain the following statements (Matthew 11.12-15)
 - And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

 - For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

 - If you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come.

7. How did the tax collectors “justify God”? What did the Pharisee reject when they were not baptized by John? (Luke 7.29-30)

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Then the disciples of John reported to him concerning all these things. And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, calling two of his disciples, sent them to Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" When the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?'" And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight. Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face who will prepare Your way before You.' For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" And when all the people heard Him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.