

Luke 7:18-35 – The Uncertain messenger

Have you ever had second thoughts about Jesus?

The benefit of hindsight

Luke 3:1-20

... verse 6 ... salvation,

... verse 7 ... judgement.

... the messiah would come with a winnowing fork in his hand to clear the threshing floor, to gather the wheat and to burn the chaff.

Luke 7

... Jesus was filled with compassion

... criticising the lack of faith in those who were God's people.

What are your doubts concerning Jesus?

Jesus answer ... (Luke 7:21ff)

Isaiah 35:5-6, Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

Isaiah 61:1, "The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners"

Why responding correctly to Jesus is so important.

Luke 7:23 "blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me"

Who John is shows us who Jesus is

... God's people had not heard from a prophet of God for about 400 years.

Malachi 3:1

... whilst John was great in the plans and purposes of God, those who responded to Jesus and joined the kingdom of God Jesus spoke about would be greater.

... those who joined the kingdom Jesus spoke about would know the details.

1 Peter 1:10-12, "Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, 11 trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. 12 It was revealed

to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.”

Why people reject

verse 29-35

... their opposition to Jesus came from their own opposition to the purposes of God.

... in verse 31 Jesus challenges the heart of the crowd. Will you be like them?

For us today

Firstly... what we do with Jesus matters.

Secondly ... Jesus points out our value and importance as citizens of the Kingdom of God.

Thirdly ... the change in God's big plan that occurs between John and Jesus.

Finally ... the state of our hearts towards God has a huge impact on what we do with Jesus