

ULC Sermon Study Resource
The Gospel of Luke // Jesus Fulfills
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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: If you had to teach a class on one thing, what would it be?

Reading: Luke 7:18-35

Outline:

- I. A different sort of messiah (v. 21-23)
 - a. Jesus fulfills all of the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah.
 - b. When we are offended by Jesus but do not reject Him, Jesus says we are blessed.
Q: Why does John want verification of who Jesus is?
- II. A different sort of prophet (v. 24-28)
 - a. Jesus says that John is the prophet that was sent to prepare the way for Him.
 - b. John did not have traditional, institutional, or charismatic authority, but he had spiritual authority.
Q: Why does Jesus ask the rhetorical questions in v. 24-26?
- III. A different sort of people (v. 29-35)
 - a. The spiritual authority that we have in Christ enables us to be a different kind of people.
 - b. As Christian influence in society wanes, we should not respond with capitulation or conquest. Instead we should remember that we are great in the kingdom of God.
Q: How does Jesus respond to those who reject him and John?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) What does it mean to be offended by Jesus's teachings? Have you ever experienced this yourself?
- 2) What do you think it means if a believer has never been offended by Jesus?
- 3) What does it mean to have spiritual authority? Why do we forget about this authority that we have?
- 4) Have you ever been misunderstood when you don't capitulate or conquest? If not, can you think of an example of someone who has?
- 5) What would it look like for you to be a child of true wisdom (v. 34)?

Suggestions for further study:

- Malachi 3:1 **Q: Why does Jesus quote this verse in today's reading from Luke?**
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 **Q: What does this passage tell us about the nature of the cross?**
- James 1:2-6 **Q: Why should we rejoice when we face trials?**

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, we thank you for being the messiah that no one expected. We thank you for being a God that invites us to put our faith in you on your terms and not on our own. Through this, we can have a real relationship with you. Jesus, we thank you that we do not have to live lives of fear, capitulation, or conquest, but that we can live lives of love and service. Teach us to trust in you and to always look to you for guidance. Teach us to be children of wisdom. In your name we pray, Amen.