BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN BAPTIZED BY JOHN

Luke 7:18–35

Key Verse: 7:29

1. What things did John’s disciples tell him, and what might have been their motive? (16–18) Where was John at this time? (3:20; cf. Mt11:2)
2. What did John send two of them to Jesus to ask? (18b–20) What did this question mean? What had John already said about the coming one? (3:16–17) Why might they now not be sure Jesus was the one?
3. When they came to Jesus, what did John’s disciples witness? (21) What did Jesus say? (22) How did this answer their question? (Isa35:5–6; 61:1) In light of this, what should our faith in Jesus be based on? What did Jesus declare? (23) What does it mean to us?
4. In his questions to the crowd, what was Jesus teaching about John? (24–28; cf. Mal3:1) Why is it important to know the greatness of John in history? Why did Jesus finish by saying, “the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he”?
5. How are tax collectors and Pharisees contrasted? (29–30; 10:21) What did it mean to be baptized by John? (3:3) To acknowledge God’s way is right? (Ps51:3–4; Ro9:14–16) Why were the Pharisees so critical? (10:29a; 16:15a; 18:9) How did Jesus explain their criticism of both John and himself? (31–35) How can we be children of wisdom? (29)