



## **Our View of Things v. Christ's Luke 7:18-35**

### **Something to Start Us Off**

- Think of a time when you had trouble seeing what God was doing, only to find out that he had everything under control. What was that like?

### **Something to Notice**

- We read about John's ministry back in Luke 3. Let's read 3:18-20 to remind us of where John is right now. We will talk about the significance of this in a bit.
- In 7:29-30 we get a glimpse into who responded best to John's ministry. How would you sum up these two verses?

### **Something to Understand**

In v.22 Jesus is paraphrasing verses from Isaiah: Isa 35:5-6; 26:19; 29:18-19 and 61:1. These are all activities that were supposed to characterize the future time of salvation.

In v.27 Jesus is quoting Malachi 3:1.

- What do you think it was like for John, hearing about Christ's ministry but not being able to observe it personally?
- Why is it relevant that Jesus fulfilled so many Old Testament prophecies?
- Try to put in your own words what Jesus thought of John the Baptist and his ministry.
- In 7:31-34, Jesus explains what he thinks of some people's response to both him and to John. What do you think was really behind their criticisms of both men?

### **Something to Take Home**

- Think of an area in your life right now in which you struggle to see what God is doing. In what ways might today's passage give you hope?
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 7:18-35 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?