



Knowing the Truth and Missing the Point

Luke 7:18-35

Sermon Study Notes

Many people know the truth, they've just missed the point.

We all experience seasons of doubt.

There's one, big, overarching question we all must answer: Who is Jesus?

I. A Question of Style (7:18-23)

John's Question: "Why aren't you acting like the Messiah?"

Jesus' Answer: "Look at what I'm doing."

It's possible to recognize Jesus and revere Scripture but miss the point.

Takeaway: I must recognize who Jesus is because of what He did.

II. A Question of Substance (7:24-30)

Jesus' Question: "What did you go out there to see?"

Jesus' Assertion: "John's no reed shaking in the wind."

It's possible to hear sound preaching but miss the point.

Takeaway: I must receive Jesus as my King because He brings the Kingdom.

III. A Question of Scolding (7:31-35)

Jesus' Question: "What's your problem?"

Jesus' Assessment: "You guys are just a bunch of brats!"

It's possible to look religious but miss the point.

Because of Simplicity

Because of Shallowness

"He that hath slight thoughts of sin never had great thoughts of God." - *John Owen*

Because of Self-Righteousness

Because of Sin's Grip

When Jesus brings the good news He is bringing judgment.

Takeaway: I must respond to Jesus however He leads rather than telling Him how to lead.

Wisdom is yielding control to the One who's in control anyway.