

Our Privilege

Luke 7:24-35

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What made John so great?

1. John was the **greatest man** born of woman. V.24-28a
 - a. John was **unwavering** in his message. (v.24)
 - b. John was **unaffected** by worldly attractions. (v.25)
 - c. John was **undeterred** from his calling. (v.26-28)
2. Our **privilege** is greater than John's (v.28).
 - a. John lived in the time of promise; we live in the time of **fulfillment**.
 - b. John lived in a time of **partial** revelation. We live with full revelation.
 - c. John could only preach a partial message; we can communicate the **whole message**. *Lk 10:23-24; 1 Pe 1:10; Heb 11:39*
3. People respond **unexpectedly** to the message and the messenger (v.29-35).
 - a. The most likely **rejected** the message.
 - b. The most **irreligious** accepted the message.
 - c. Some people simply play **religious games**. This is a dangerous game.
 - d. Some **truly believe** and are born into God's family. (Luke 7:35)

There are only two responses to the gospel of the kingdom.

- Rejecting **fools** who without wisdom and hating the call for repentance of sin and faith reject the message and the messenger.
- Repentant **sinner**s who respond with faith, believing and receiving salvation and forgiveness of sins.
- Consider verse 30. What does that say to you?