

The Life of Christ

The Ministry of Jesus Christ

Sinners Become Righteous

Luke 7:24-29 Jesus speaks on John

Luke 7:24-28 You didn't go to John for the scenery, or because he's some rich celebrity, you went to see a prophet of God.

Matthew 11:1-15 Wow! Luke left out an important section?! (vs 12-15)

- Matthew's purpose – proving Jesus to be the Messiah
- Luke's purpose – to give an accurate, orderly account of the life of Christ, and here – he sticks with the contrast between saved sinners and lost religious leaders

Luke 7:29 Jesus affirms the righteousness of the faithful – they get it.

Luke 7:30-35 Jesus rebukes the religious leaders

Luke 7:30 The religious leaders reject John and God together

Luke 7:31-35 An embarrassingly appropriate comparison... so much for dignity.

Note that Jesus is not saying that John's method is an outreach targeting one market segment and that his outreach method is targeting a different market segment, (as shown by the fact that those who accepted John accept Jesus, those who rejected John are still rejecting Jesus), but rather, he is pointing out that although He and John were completely different (externally), neither were acceptable to these faithless religious leaders.

Note: Luke 7:35 Jesus uses a female personification for wisdom – this is a normal figure of speech, as shown by the themed personification of wisdom common throughout the Book of Proverbs (presumably in contrast to the frequent warnings against harlots and foolish women), and is reminiscent of his reference to serving "Mammon" rather than saying "chasing wealth."

Luke 7:36-50 Jesus highlights true repentance

Luke 7:36-39 The cold and the compassionate

Luke 7:40-43, 44-47 Parable and explanation

Luke 7:48-50 Faith, repentance, forgiveness and salvation – Inseparable!