## Jesus Commends John the Baptist and Condemns Religious Leaders (Luke 7:24-36)

24 When the messengers of John had	1. Jesus Asks Questions:
departed, He began to speak to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?	a. About John's
<sup>25</sup> "But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed those who are gorgeously appareled and live in luxury	b. About John's
are in kings' courts.  26 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.	c. About John's
<sup>27</sup> "This is <i>he</i> of whom it is written: `Behold,	2. Jesus John
I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You <sup>1</sup> .'	a. His Fulfillment of
28 "For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."	b. His Relative
<sup>29</sup> And when all the people heard <i>Him</i> , even	3. People Respond Ways:
the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John.	a. Baptized God
<sup>30</sup> But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.	b. Unbaptized God
31 And the Lord said, "To what then shall I	4. Jesus the Rejecters
liken the men of this generation, and what are they like?	a. His
32 "They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, saying: `We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not weep.'	b. His
33 "For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, `He has a demon.'	c. Rejecters of
<sup>34</sup> "The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, `Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and	d. Rejecters of
sinners!' 35 "But wisdom is justified by all her children."	e. Summary