

Discussion Questions for “Spirit & Power: John’s Question”
Luke 7:18-30, Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of December 20th & 21st, 2025

Sermon Outline

John’s question speaks:

- To your questions (vv. 18-20).
- To the identity of Jesus (vv. 20-22).
- To the mercy of Jesus (vv. 21-23).
- To your identity in Jesus (vv. 24-30).

Sermon Questions

1. Why is it important to you, personally, to see that even a man (and a prophet!) as great as John the Baptist still had some questions?
2. What catches your attention about the *content* of Jesus’ response to John?
 - a. Why is it a big deal that Jesus answers with both *words* and *actions*?
 - b. Can you think of other ways – in other Scriptures – that Jesus demonstrates and proves His identity?
3. What catches your attention about the *tone* of Jesus’ response to John?
 - a. Do you tend to assume Jesus will be merciful to you when you struggle? Why or why not?
 - b. Similar to a previous question, can you think of other Scriptures in which Jesus proves that He’s consistently merciful to sinners and strugglers?
 - c. When our friends and family ask us spiritual questions, what steps can we take to respond to them with the same kind of mercy that Jesus showed John?
4. What does Jesus say about John and about us in verse 28?
 - a. Why can Jesus say such thing?
 - b. Read Ephesians 1:3-14. What else does this passage tell us about our identity in Christ?
 - c. What holds you back from embracing what Scripture says about who you are because of Jesus?
 - d. What practical impact does it make – to our regular, everyday lives – to really know and believe what the Bible says about our identity in Christ?
5. Any other takeaways from this passage or message?