

## **Mistaken Salvation Expectations**

**Luke 7:18-35**

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### **1. Barrier of Mistaken Salvation Expectations Vs 18-23**

Jesus corrected John's mistaken harsh expectations of God's Messiah by pointing to Isaiah's prophecies that highlight God's saving agent's gracious and compassionate ministry to unworthy sinners.

*Unless blessed with a corrected understanding of God's predetermined gracious and saving plan, as precisely fulfilled in his Son Jesus, people with mistaken ideas/expectations will fall away from following Jesus.*

### **2. Correction of Mistaken Salvation Expectations Vs 24-28**

Jesus verified John's greatest of human positions within God's saving plan, the one Malachi prophesied would prepare Israel for him, Messiah Jesus, who saves people into the greatness of God's Kingdom.

*Scriptures are the source and authority for discovering and verifying God's plan of salvation for humanity and correcting any mistaken ideas or expectations about God's plan or agent of salvation.*

### **3. Response to Corrected Salvation Expectations Vs 29-35**

Because John and Jesus' ministry were mismatched with the Pharisees' stubborn ideas about how to be made right with God, they rejected God's saving purposes for themselves.

*Wisdom's children forsake misconceptions about how to be made right with God when presented with God's scripturally validated plan of salvation in Jesus Christ.*

**Summary:** Those with uncorrected mistaken expectations of Jesus will fall away from following him, whereas those whose expectations are scripturally corrected can wisely decide to stick with Jesus or foolishly reject him.

## Questions

1. What are some possible preconceived ideas or mistaken expectations about Jesus, or God, or how to get right with God that people may have, that if not corrected will result in seekers becoming disinterested in following Jesus?
2. What Scriptures could you direct a seeker to that would correct these preconceived ideas or mistaken expectations?

Mistaken expectations/misconceptions	Corrective Scripture ref.

3. How can we surface these mistaken ideas and expectations that the seekers we are 'loving on' may have?
4. Although we have no control over someone's choice to respond wisely or foolishly to the corrective scriptural truths we present, what are some things we can do to make it easier for them to choose wisely?
5. Jesus refused to modify his ministry to comply with others misconceived ideas or beliefs about how to be made right with God. How does this information instruct us on our sharing with those with mistaken salvation expectations?