Is Jesus Truly the ONE?

Luke 7:18-35

Main Point: As witnesses of our Savior we may confidently <u>proclaim</u>: Jesus Christ, the Jewish Messiah, is truly the One <u>King</u> over all creation.

Jesus is truly the One because His works and teachings prove His <u>authority</u>.
 7:18-23

Jesus is truly the One because He has <u>established</u> His eternal kingdom.
 7:24-30

Jesus is truly the One, yet the world has <u>rejected</u> Him.
 7:31-35



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

- 1. What is your favorite "anointed one" story and why? (Chronicles of Narnia, Lord of the Rings, etc.) Rom. 1:20
- 2. Read Luke 7:18-22. Why do you think John the Baptist questioned whether Jesus was the One? Have you ever struggled with doubt or other discouragements in your faith? How did you work through it? Luke 3:15-20; John 1:29-34.
- 3. Jesus responds to John's question by pointing to His miracles (Luke 7:22). How do these miracles fulfill Old Testament prophecies, and why is that significant? Luke 4:17-19: Is. 61:1, 35:5-6:
- 4. Read 7:23. Discuss this blessing and how this should encourage us to share the truth to those who are offended by Jesus. 1 Cor. 1:23; Acts 4:11; Matt. 21:44
- 5. Read 7:24-30. Jesus praises John the Baptist as the greatest prophet (v. 28), yet says that the least in the kingdom is greater than John. What does this tell us about the nature of Jesus' kingdom? Mal. 3:1; [Mark 1:[15]] and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (ESV) John 18:36; Luke 1:33, 4:43, 6:20, 17:21; Rev. 19:16
- 6. Why did the tax collectors and sinners accept Jesus, while the Pharisees and religious leaders rejected Him (Luke 7:29–30)? How does this apply to people's responses to Jesus today? Luke 5:30–32; Matt. 10:22; John 15:18.
- 7. Both John the Baptist and Jesus were criticized—John for being too ascetic, Jesus for being too indulgent (Luke 7:33–34). What does this reveal about human nature and resistance to truth?

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now.... Come further up, come further in!"

— C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle