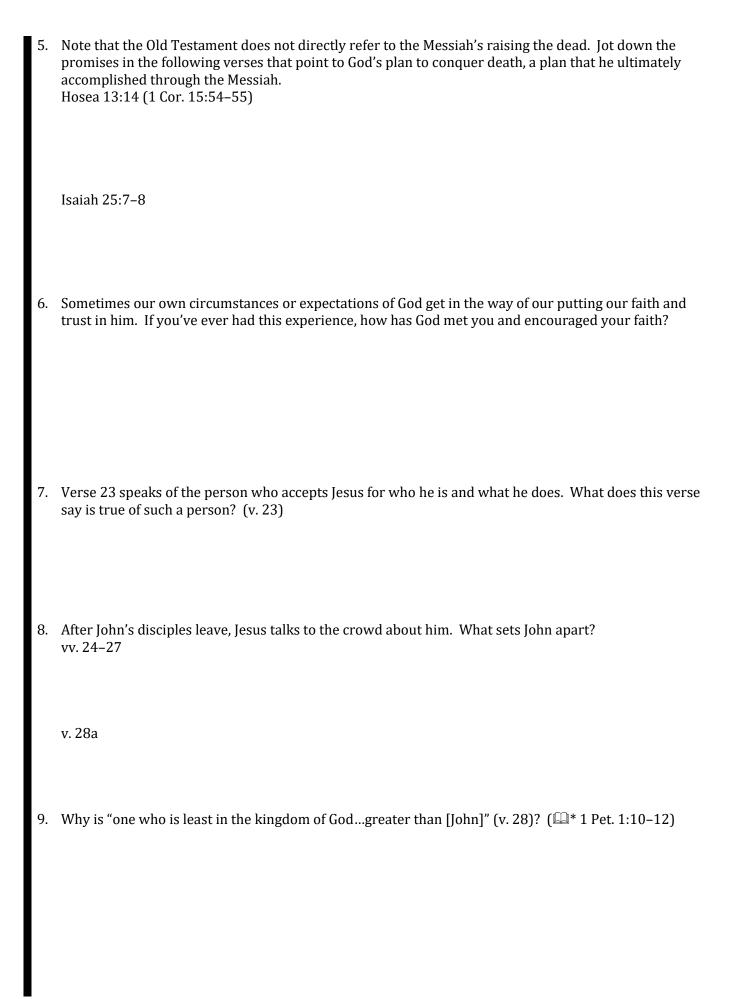
A Study of the Gospel of Luke - Part One **Lesson 16**

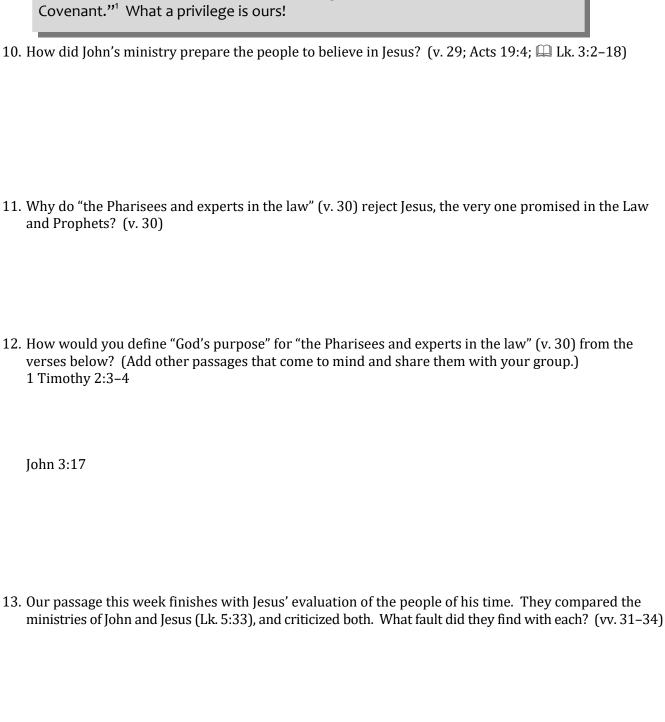
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 What are the circumstances of John's life which require him to get news about Jesus secondle instead of going to see him himself? (Lk. 3:19–20; Mt. 14:3–5) 	
2. What expectations does John have about the "one who is to come" (v. 19)? (Lk. 3:16–17)	
3. Considering these circumstances and expectations, why might John have wondered if Jesus the "one who is to come" (v. 19)?	was really
 Perhaps you would expect Jesus to answer John's disciples with either a rebuke for unbelief answer declaring that he is the promised Messiah. a. Instead, how does Jesus respond? (vv. 22–23) 	or a direct
b. How does this response help clear up John's questions? Isaiah 35:4–6; 61:1–2	

John 10:37-38; 14:11



At the beginning of his ministry, John said of Jesus, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (Jn. 1:29), but now in prison he isn't quite sure who Jesus is. Are you surprised that Jesus does not seem insulted or put off by John's doubts? Instead he says of John, "among those born of women there is no one greater" (v. 28). John fulfilled his calling as the herald of Jesus the Messiah and is commended by him. "But although he, as last envoy of the Old Covenant, is nearest to Christ and thus the most important of all, he takes a lower place than even the most insignificant member of the New Covenant." What a privilege is ours!



Wisdom Is Proved Right by All Her Children (v. 35)

"... God (wisdom) had sent both John and Jesus in specific roles, and... this would be vindicated by the lasting works of both Jesus and John...." To better understand "wisdom is proved right by all her children" (v. 35), read Matthew 7:15–20.

14. Given their criticism of Jesus, what kind of Messiah do you think the people want or have in mind?

Why is God's plan SO much better?

Jesus refused to let the critique of this world shape his life and ministry. He knew that God's ways would always seem foolish to an unbelieving world (see 1 Cor. 1:20–23). Sometimes God's ways seem strange to us, even as they did to John. But to us who believe, Christ is the "power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:24).

^{*} For further study

¹ Norvel Geldenhuys. The Gospel of Luke: The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1951), 227.

² Kenneth Barker, Gen. Ed. *The NIV Study Bible, 10th Anniversary Edition* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995), 1455 (footnote on Matthew 11:19).