## Conclusion

- Jesus cares about the reputation, the testimony of every person who ministers on His behalf. We need to pray for those who proclaim the Word to be men of courage, and conviction as they please Christ and reveal truth.
- We need to embrace the truth that greatness is determined from the spiritual realm, not by the world.
- We are blessed believers because we have been granted a privileged position of being in the Kingdom with its full revelation.
- Man has two options when it comes to repentance and forgiveness. He can acknowledge the truth of his sinfulness and repent being forgiven. Or he can reject and incur everlasting destruction.

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:1-13; 1Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27. As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? How can I accomplish this change? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

## **Protecting a Prophet's Reputation**

Luke 7:24-30 **CFBC** 11/9/14

## Introduction:

- I. The Inquisition of Jesus by John 18-23
- II. The Exaltation of John by Jesus 24-30

Jesus calls the crowd following Him to remember John the Baptist was the Forerunner prophesied in the OT, and as such he was the greatest man born among women whose message was both received and rejected.

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