Luke

Chapter 7

Luke 7:1-10 – The Faith of the Centurion

[1] When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. [2] There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. [3] The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. [4] When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, [5] because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue."

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6 So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: “Lord, don’t trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. 7 That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

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9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." 10 Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

Luke 7:11-17 – Jesus Raises a Widow's Son

[11] Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. [12] As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. [13] When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry."

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[14] Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" [15] The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. [16] They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." [17] This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

Luke 7:18-35 – Jesus and John the Baptist

[18] John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, [19] he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" [20] When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?' "

Luke 7:18-35 – Jesus and John the Baptist

21 At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases,
sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who
were blind. 22 So he replied to the messengers, "Go
back and report to John what you have seen and heard:
The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have
leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. 23 Blessed
is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

Luke 7:18-35 – Jesus and John the Baptist

24 After John's messengers left, Jesus began to speak to
the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the
wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? 25 If not,
what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine
clothes? No, those who wear expensive clothes and
indulge in luxury are in palaces. 26 But what did you go
out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a
prophet.

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27 This is the one about whom it is written: “ ‘I will send my
messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before
you.’ 28 I tell you, among those born of women there is no
one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the
kingdom of God is greater than he.” 29 (All the people, even
the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus’ words,
acknowledged that God’s way was right, because they had
been baptized by John. 30 But the Pharisees and the
experts in the law rejected God’s purpose for themselves,
because they had not been baptized by John.)

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31 Jesus went on to say, "To what, then, can I compare the
people of this generation? What are they like? 32 They are
like children sitting in the marketplace and calling out to
each other: " 'We played the pipe for you, and you did not
dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not cry.' 33 For John the
Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and
you say, 'He has a demon.' 34 The Son of Man came eating
and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a
drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' 35 But
wisdom is proved right by all her children."

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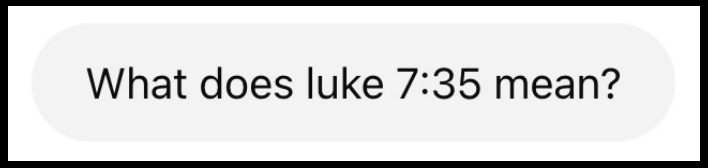

Luke 7:35 (ESV):

> *"Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."*

This verse comes at the end of a conversation where **Jesus is responding to criticism** from the religious leaders. They had complained that **John the Baptist** was too strict and that **Jesus was too relaxed**, calling Him a glutton and a friend of sinners. In essence, they were rejecting both God's messengers — no matter how different their approaches were.

🔍 So what does "wisdom is justified by all her children" mean?

It means:

> **True wisdom is proven right by the results it produces.**

✅ Breaking it down:

- **"Wisdom"** here refers to **God's way of doing things** — including sending both John and Jesus with different styles of ministry.
- **"Justified"** means **proven right or vindicated**.
- **"Her children"** are the **outcomes** or **followers** who live out and reflect that wisdom — people transformed by John's and Jesus' messages.

So Jesus is saying:

> *Even if the religious leaders reject John and Me, those who respond faithfully — our "children" — prove that God's wisdom is right.*

📖 In modern terms:

> "You can tell something is truly wise by the kind of people it produces."

Luke 7:36-50 – Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman

[36] When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. [37] A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. [38] As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

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39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he
said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would
know who is touching him and what kind of woman she
is—that she is a sinner." 40 Jesus answered him, "Simon,
I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he
said. 41 "Two people owed money to a certain
moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and
the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay
him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which
of them will love him more?"

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43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.
44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.

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47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been
forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever
has been forgiven little loves little." 48 Then Jesus said
to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 The other guests
began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even
forgives sins?" 50 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith
has saved you; go in peace."