

## **Declaring God Just**

These verses from Luke's gospel can give us more questions than answers! How do we 'justify God?' How are the responses of the people in verses 29 and 30 related to what Jesus has just said? As we read through this text together, we are going to consider four questions the text poses – explicitly or implicitly.

1. What did you go to see?
  - a. Was John fickle? Or worldly?
  - b. Or was he a prophet?
2. Did he prepare the way for you?
  - a. Notice the wording of Malachi 3:1
  - b. John prepared the way for YOU
3. Are you the "least in the kingdom of God?"
  - a. The Kingdom and the poor Luke 4:43; 6:20
  - b. Isn't John the Baptist in the Kingdom too?
4. Will you declare God just?
  - a. What does it mean to declare God Just?
  - b. What does it mean to reject God's purpose? Note Acts 2:23; 4:28; 5:38-39; 13:36; 20:27

### Application:

1. Are you rejecting God's purpose for yourself?
2. Will you declare God to be just?