

Wickedness Condemned

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Texts:

Matthew 11:16-19,

- 16. ‘To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:**
- 17. “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’**
- 18. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’**
- 19. The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and “sinners.”’ But Wisdom is proved right by her actions.”**

Luke 7:31-35,

Commentary:

I. Jesus asked, “To what shall I compare this generation?”

- A. Jesus here compared the Pharisees to unruly and misbehaving children/brats who complained that they wanted to play in the marketplace (a public place) a happy game and a sad game, but the other kids refused to play either game.
- B. The Pharisees were unwilling to play either “wedding” or “funeral.”
- C. John came in an austere manner neither eating nor drinking and the Pharisees and scribes claimed he was crazy, demon possessed.

- D. Jesus came in a happy manner, eating and drinking and the Pharisees and scribes claimed he was a gluttonous man, a winebibber and a friend of publicans and sinners.
 - E. John and Jesus were outsiders and would not be accepted by the establishment no matter what.
- IX. "...wisdom is justified by her works" means both John and Jesus were doing God's will and true wisdom would discern this fact in due time.
- X. Jesus was and is a friend of sinners! Aren't we glad! What the enemies of Jesus meant to be a sharp criticism actually is a wondrous compliment.

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Questions

1. Jesus and John could not please the religious leaders of their day. John came neither _____ nor _____ and they said, "He has a _____." Jesus came _____ and _____ and they said, "Here is a _____ and a _____, a _____ of _____ and _____.
2. Jesus compared the _____ to _____ and _____ who were not happy with either happy or sad games.
3. The Pharisees leveled all manner of accusations against Jesus charging Jesus with being the _____ of _____, called his _____, a _____, _____ - _____, and a _____.
4. What does "wisdom is justified of her children" mean? _____

5. Jesus was and is a _____ of _____. What Jesus' enemies meant to be a _____ actually was a _____.