

***GO: The Conspiracy of Love Requires NEW Expectations ...***

Luke 7:18-35

i. We need to have our expectations AMPP'd ....

**I. AMBIGUITY (18-20)**

A. Uncertainty and doubt are not new to anyone seeking.

B. The psychological adversity of doubt carries the seed of real growth.

C. Jesus didn't match John's expectations.

**II. MARGINALIZED (21-23)**

A. The issue is not one of belief in Jesus as Messiah. The issue is around whether these are the things that a Messiah does.

B. There was curing, the blind receive sight, the lame walk, lepers are cured, the deaf hear, dead are raised, and the poor are seen as real people.

C. No one is a throw away.

D. The uniqueness of Jesus' ministry should not trip anyone up.

**III. PROPHETIC (24-29)**

A. Not the same old same old, not a big Hollywood celebrity, not echoing public opinion or spokesman for the wealthy.

B. The prophet from Malachi 3:1. The AP just listed John as the number one prophet on the Top Ten Prophet list.

**IV. PERSECUTION (30-35)**

A. Disturbingly divisive.

B. Many don't like what they see like children who "take their marbles and go home" when they don't get their way.

C. Many don't really want to discover how God is at work as much as they want to control how God does things. OUCH!