

# Children<sup>in the</sup> Marketplace



Luke 7:31-35





Prayer



# Symbolism of The Parable:

Marketplace = Life.

Children = This generation / People

Sitting: Refusing to respond

Flute (joy): Grace (Jesus).

Dirge (mourning): Repentance (John).

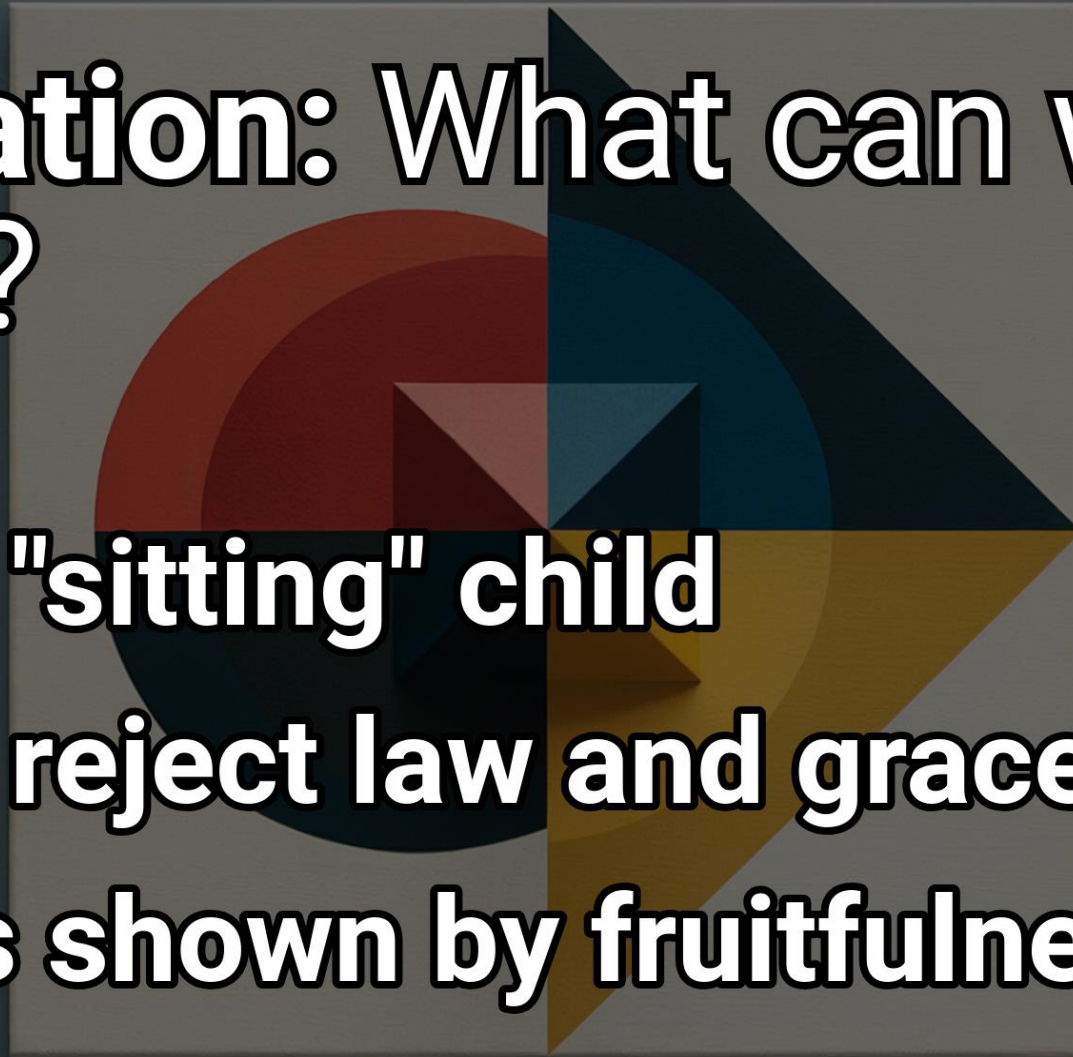
# **Observation: What is happening?**

- **v.31: Jesus describes this generation as children in the marketplace.**
- **v.32: Children sit; they won't respond.**
- **v.33: John abstains; labeled demon.**
- **v.34: Jesus engages; labeled sinner.**
- **v.35: Wisdom bears fruit.**



# **Interpretation: What can we learn from this?**

- **Don't be a "sitting" child**
- **Some will reject law and grace**
- **Wisdom is shown by fruitfulness**



# **Application: What can I do? How do I live this out?**

- **Check Your Heart: Is it Active or Passive?**
- **Respond to God's Invitation**
- **Show Wisdom through your New Life in Christ**





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A large wooden cross stands centrally against a deep blue sky with subtle, concentric circular brushstrokes. The cross is made of light-colored wood with a dark blue shadow cast behind it. In the bottom corners, parts of church buildings are visible: a red-roofed structure on the left and a yellow-roofed structure on the right.

# Benediction