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Noticing our own mistakes

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Jesus went on to say, "To what, then, can I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? 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.' For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' 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.' But wisdom is proved right by all her children." (Luke 7: 31-35)

Those who do not accept Jesus as Savior, reject him because they do not want to change their lives and habits. Thus they also reject all the prophets of the Old Testament. For them, the last prophets, St. John the Baptist, is too severe for them, while Jesus is perceived as too friendly to poor sinners. Jesus helps us not to fall into the temptation of judging the behavior of others, without noticing our own mistakes first, the only ones we can really fix.