

“His Own Received Him Not”

John 1:10-13

Introduction

- I. Most individuals do not like to feel rejection.
- II. Jesus understood what it was like to be rejected (John 1:10-13).
 - A. Jesus was not what some people expected.
 - B. Jesus taught against the errors of others.
 - C. Jesus had enemies that envied His fame.
- III. We must receive Jesus and not reject Him.

Discussion

- I. Jesus was not what some people expected.
 - A. Many thought that Jesus would be a conquering King on this Earth.
 - B. Jesus never intended to be what some expected (John 6:15, 66; 18:36).
 - C. Jesus even predicted His death, which would be contrary to the thinking of many (Mark 9:30).
 - D. Today, Jesus does not fit the expectations of some.
- II. Jesus taught against the errors of others.
 - A. Jesus was the greatest example of what it means to speak the “truth in love” (Eph. 4:15).
 - B. Yet, Jesus also was tremendously involved in exposing error (Luke 13:10-17; Matt. 15:1-14).
 - C. Today, Jesus still expects error to be corrected, even if it is not popular (Rom. 1:22-32).
- III. Jesus had enemies that envied His fame.
 - A. Pilate knew that Jesus was brought to him because of envy (Matt. 27:18; Mark 15:10).
 - B. Jesus had multitudes that followed Him, and he could perfectly answer every attempt to trap Him in words.
 - C. Today, we will have enemies that seek to find faults with us (1 Pet. 2:11-12).

Conclusion

- I. Even if we receive rejection from others, we should use the example of Jesus.
- II. We might be rejected on Earth, but we will be received into Heaven (Matt. 25:21-30).