

“His Own Received Him Not”

John 1:10-13

Introduction

- I. Most human beings like to feel accepted, and not rejected.
- II. At some point in our lives though, it is likely that we will experience rejection.
- III. Jesus understands rejection because his own people largely rejected Him.
- IV. Why was Jesus rejected, and what can we learn about such?

Discussion

- I. Jesus did not meet the expectations of many.
 - A. The feeling amongst the Jews was that the Messiah would be an earthly king similar to David and Solomon.
 - B. What they received was the supposed Son of a carpenter (Matt. 13:55).
 - C. Jesus never intended to be what the Jews expected (John 6:15, 66; 18:36).
 - D. Many today reject Jesus because He does not fit their preconceived notions of what a Savior and God should be.
- II. Jesus did not teach and live as some thought He should.
 - A. Jesus was not afraid to expose hypocrisy and error (Matt. 15:1-9; 23:13ff.)
 - B. Jesus upset the status quo of societal acceptances (Luke 13:10-17).
 - C. As a result of His earthly ministry, many envied and despised Jesus (Matt. 27:18; Mark 15:10).
 - D. Many today reject Jesus because His teachings and way of life offend some (Luke 13:3, 5; Matt. 16:18; 19:3-9).

Conclusion

- I. Rejection might not be something that many enjoy, but many will receive it (Matt. 7:13-14, 21-23).
- II. Will you reject Jesus, or will you come to the Lord (Matt. 11:28-30).