

The Rejected Christ

(Isaiah 53:1-3)

- Introduction:
1. Long before Jesus was ever born, the Holy Spirit, through the prophet Isaiah predicted that Jesus would be rejected.
 2. (John 1:11) He came to his own, but his own would not receive him.
 3. (Matthew 21:33-46).
 4. This lesson will consider how Christ was rejected and how he is still being rejected today.

I. His Authority Is Rejected

- A. (Matthew 28:18-20).
- B. Jesus is God's spokesman (Hebrews 1:1; Deuteronomy 18:18; Acts 3:22-23).
- C. We must listen to Jesus (Matthew 17:1-5).
- D. He's the head of the church – listen to him, not preachers, priests, or popes (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22-23).

II. His Church Is Rejected

- A. (Matthew 16:18; Isaiah 2:2-3).
- B. Man-made religion is said to be sufficient (Matthew 13:15).
- C. Religious sects are condemned (1 Corinthians 1:10).

III. His Name Is Rejected

- A. (Isaiah 62:1-2).
- B. (Acts 11:26; Acts 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16).
- C. There is salvation in no other name (Acts 4:12).

IV. His Gospel Is Rejected

- A. (Romans 1:16).
- B. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 6:16-18).
- C. Some have perverted the gospel (Galatians 1:6-9).

V. His Invitation Is Rejected

- A. (Matthew 11:28-30).
- B. Many put off obedience (Acts 24:25; 26:28).

- Conclusion:
1. It goes without saying, but God was right.
 2. Jesus has been and is still being rejected by men today.
 3. The pertinent question is, "Are you among those who are rejecting Jesus?"