



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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WHY JESUS WAS AND IS REJECTED

Jesus disappointed many (**Matthew 8:34; Mark 6:3; Luke 4:28-29; John 1:11**).

Why Did The Jews Reject Jesus?

Because He did not meet their expectations. They had their minds made up before He came as to what kind of Messiah He would be. They had the mold ready and when He refused to fit into that mold they were greatly disappointed. They had read the Old Testament prophecies of a coming king who would sit on David's throne. They expected an earthly king. Even the disciples had a wrong conception of the kingdom after His resurrection, **Acts 1**. He made it clear to them He was not a rival to Caesar, even though they wanted that kind of king. They had pre-judged.

They rejected Him because He condemned their materialistic thinking and living. Jesus constantly minimized the material and emphasized the spiritual.

He was rejected by His fellows because He condemned the religious customs and traditions of His day. He was rejected because of His humble origin and simplicity. He was born in Bethlehem meaning, "house of bread." Jesus was just too plain, ordinary and humble for the Jews to accept and embrace as the long awaited Messiah.

Why Do Men Reject Him Today?

Because He demands sacrifice. Sacrifice of time, energy and self. Many will not call on the sick or visit the hospital and nursing homes. They won't make the time to meet with the church when it meets. For some Sunday and Wednesday evening services are out of the question.

Because He expects the sacrifice of money. So many are in such financial debt they feel they cannot give until they get out of debt. When we refuse to give as we have prospered, we reject Christ.

Because He commands clean living. (**Titus 2:11-12; James 4:8**), we must be pure in mind, (**II Peter 3:1**), in speech (**Colossians 3:8**), in life (**I Timothy 5:22**) and in religion (**James 1:27**). Our Lord calls us to holiness (**Matthew 5:48**).

As Christians May We Never Become Guilty of Rejecting Jesus!
J.D. Conley

SIN IS NOT JUST A WORD

In our day and time it is so common to make everything politically correct that bad qualities are often renamed to soften their meaning. For instance an “affair” is softer than adultery; “an alternate lifestyle” diminishes the sound of homosexuality; or abortion is a “choice.” Sin is not simply a word; it is a wrongdoing against the Lord God.

In 1997, Nathan Zohner, a 14 year-old student at Eagle Rock Junior High School in Idaho Falls, Idaho conducted a science project entitled, “How Gullible Are We?” His project won first prize in the science fair and he received a lot of attention from magazines, radio and TV stations, universities, and government people. His presentation involved “The Dangers of Dihydrogen Monoxide.”

Such dangers include:

1. It is a major component of acid rain.
2. It causes severe burns in its gaseous state
3. Accidental inhalation can kill
4. It contributes to erosion
5. It decreases the effectiveness of automobile brakes
6. It has been found in tumors of terminal cancer

Fifty people were asked what should be done about the chemical. Forty three favored banning it, 6 were undecided, and 1 correctly recognized that dihydrogen monoxide is actually H₂O, plain old water. Water can do all of the things listed, yet the majority of people did not recognize it by its real name! Water is vital for life, sin is not.

In the same way “sin” is called by many different names and described in numerous ways to make it more pleasant and tolerable. The truth is sin is deceptive (**Hebrews 3:13**), divisive (**Isaiah 59:1-2**), and deadly (**Romans 6:23**). Sin is destructive to a nation (**Proverbs 14:34**), to a family (**I Peter 3:7**), and to an individual (**John 8:24**).

It has been reported that cancer is the number one killer of people under 85. Lung cancer alone kills over 150,000 a year. Yet, look at the amount of time we put into raising money, increasing awareness, and encouraging prevention, when the most dangerous killer of all is right in front of us, SIN. God’s Word gives us the cure and preventative measures to safe-guard against sin, yet there is not as much effort given to it. The Lord gave us a great assignment: **TELL THE WHOLE WORLD ABOUT THE CURE FOR SIN!**

Andy Walker