

HIS OWN DID NOT RECEIVE HIM

Scripture Reading: John 1:10-13

Introduction:

1. Everyone has a basic need to feel accepted. No one likes to be rejected by others.
2. His own people rejected Him as their King.
3. We must ensure we do not make the same mistake by taking heed their example...

I. HE DID NOT FIT THEIR EXPECTATIONS

A. THEY THOUGHT HE WOULD BE KING / CONQUORER

1. They considered His miracles (i.e. His healings, feeding of the 5,000)
2. Becoming an earthly king was not His plan –Jn 6:15, 66, 18:36
3. He predicted His own suffering and death which did not mesh with their thinking –Mk 9:30

B. THE EXPECTATION OF MAN TODAY

1. Many believe the Christian life is easy – (E.g. the Rocky Soil –Mt 13:
2. It takes the strength that Jesus supplies to remain steadfast in the Lord –Ac 4:29, 30

II. HE SHOWED DISAPPROVAL OF THEIR LIFESTYLE

A. HE TAUGHT THE TRUTH IN LOVE

1. The healing on the Sabbath –Lk 13:10-17
2. Tradition vs. the Law –Mt 15:1-ff

B. HIS WORDS OFFEND SOME TODAY

1. Repentance of sins –Lk 13:3, 5
2. Homosexuality: Jesus defined what marriage is –Mt 19:4-6

III. THEY WERE ENVIOUS OF HIM

A. HIS MINISTRY

1. They could not make Him stumble in His words
2. He had multitudes that followed Him
3. Pilate knew this was the reason He was brought to him –Mt 27:18, Mk 15:10

B. OUR MINISTRY

1. Some would like to see us stumble today as Christians
2. We therefore, must live above reproach -1Pe 2:11, 12

Conclusion:

1. Christians can remain steadfast by looking unto the example and teachings of Jesus –Jn 15:18-20
2. The Christian life is not always the easiest life to be lived, but it is the greatest!