



Title: Simply Jesus:Rejected. John 15:18-27

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Bible Version: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: Even though Christ has been rejected by the world, He is the only hope for the world.

Vs. 18

If the world hates you- Jesus informed the disciples that the world would hate them. Because Jesus was going to be rejected, they too would also be rejected.

As good as Jesus was and even in light of the miracles He did, the world still hated Him.

You know that it hated Me before it hated you- Even though the disciples would be hated by the world, they would be in good company (with Christ). John communicated that the disciples would know this.

Christians will see plenty of hatred from the world, that's why we need to love and support one another.

Vs. 19

The world would love its own-The world will not champion Christian values or Christ. The world will always champion a movie target of values.

But I chose you- Jesus reassures the disciples that they were chosen. There was nothing in them that merited the favor of God. Likewise, those of us in Christ Jesus have been chosen as well.

If you are living a Godly lifestyle, know that the world will come against you. Also know that this reminds us of our position in Christ.

We have hope in Christ Jesus.

1. *A hope that heals the most broken of hearts.*
2. *A hope that comforts in the most hopeless of situations.*

3. *A hope that exists for every person.*

Vs. 20

If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you- Jesus was primarily persecuted by the religious establishment.

One may be religious and very much be part of the world.- Guzik

Vs. 21

Because they do not know Him who sent me- When people don't know God they often attack those who do know Him.

Vs. 22

They have no excuse for their sin- If Jesus did not come, mankind could just carry on indulging in sin and no one would feel uncomfortable.

Vs. 23

also- Jesus makes a powerful proclamation. If you hate Him, then you also hate the Father.

You can't love the Father without loving the Son.

Vs. 24

If I had not done among them the works- Jesus refers back to the miracles He did before them and all mankind.

Now they have seen and also hated- Even with the miracles and signs there were those who still opposed and hated Jesus.

Signs and miracles won't change people. Only the Holy Spirit can change people.

Vs. 25

That the word might be fulfilled- Jesus testifies of Himself. He came to fulfill the word.

They hated Jesus because:

- 1. He was not bringing Israel back to her glory.*
- 2. He was uneducated yet was wise beyond His years.*

3. He opposed what they turned religion into.

Vs. 26

But when the Helper comes- Jesus reminds the disciples of the promise of the Holy Spirit.

This is an encouragement to those of us going through difficult times. The Holy Spirit is present. He is with you.

Vs. 27

And you also- Notice that opportunity to bear witness was also given to the disciples, and to us.

We were not born into this world to have an encounter with Jesus, learn about Him and simply endure the world's hatred. We have a helper that will assist us as we live our lives as witnesses for Jesus Christ.



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3D Guide

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DO.

1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



DISCUSS.

1. It is hard to deal with rejection. Discuss things that can make you feel rejected.
2. What are common ways that a believer can feel rejected in today's culture?
3. Do you think the disciples recalled this conversation with Jesus when they felt the world coming against them?
4. How can this scripture apply to you personally when you feel the world coming against you?

DO.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.

Parents & Kids

TAKE **HOME**

DATE: October 1st, 2017

Scripture: Judges 6:1-7:21

Take Home Questions:

1. Why were God's people hiding? (Because of their fear)
2. Who did God's people ask for help: the FearBusters or God? (God)
3. When God told Gideon to help save God's people, was Gideon scared at first? (Yes) What did Gideon do when he was scared? (Pray)
4. How did God help Gideon take action against the Midianites? (Called Gideon, gave Gideon strength, gave Gideon the battle plan)

Memory Verse: "His faithful promises are your armor and protection. Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day."
Psalm 91:4b-5

