

Study Guide

Study Scripture: John 1.10-13 (NKJV)

Would We Reject Jesus Today?

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Context: This Scripture refers to Jesus coming to His own people, Israel, and they did not accept Him as the Messiah when He came.

The Text: Two rejections of Christ -- the World and His People

1. The World did not _____ Him: v10. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world **did not know Him**.
 - a) He was in the world – He came on His own.
 - b) the world was made through Him – He was the creator.
 - c) World did not know Him – He was passed over.

2. His Own did not _____ Him: v11. He came to His own, and His own **did not receive Him**.
 - a) ‘He **came...**’ God coming to His people reaching out to them, not waiting for them to come to Him.
 - b) ‘to **His own...**’ Israel, His own covenant people, who had the law, the promises, and the expectation of the Messiah.
 - c) ‘...and His own **did not receive Him.**’ Despite being chosen by Him, taught in the Law, and worshipped Him, they did not know Him when He came.

Point: Would we reject Jesus today?

- Would we fail to **know** Him? – Spiritual **blindness** - *I hear it but don’t understand it.*
- Would we fail to **receive** Him? – Spiritual **rejection** – *I hear it, but I don’t embrace it.*

Would we reject Him in the following areas?

- a) _____: ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father (God) except through Me (exclusive).’ John 14.6

Today: We may reject the exclusivity of His statement.

- b) _____: ‘Neither do I **condemn** you, go and **sin no more.**’ John 8.11

NOW WORD: Grace comforts us but also confronts us in our sin.

Today: We accept the parts of Jesus that **comforts** us but reject the parts that **confront** us (sins).

- c) _____: 'My kingdom is *not* of this world.' John 18.36

Today: We may reject Him because He doesn't fit into our political agendas or sides.

- d) _____ identity: 'Whoever wants to be My disciple (student) must deny themselves'. Matthew 22.39

Today: We may reject Him because He goes against our self-centered, self-defined identity.

NOW WORD: Jesus doesn't just challenge sin. He challenges everything we build our identity on.

- e) _____: 'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me.' Mark 10.21

Today: We may reject Him because He challenges who/what we trust -- more money or Him.

NOW WORD: Rejecting Jesus isn't always about not believing in Him but about choosing everything else over Him.

3. **Good News:** Born from above

- a) The _____ - 12. But as many as received Him, ...
- b) The _____ - 12b. to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:
- c) The _____ - 13. Who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Reflection:

1. Would I recognize Jesus as Lord or reject Him when He challenges what I want to keep (beliefs, lifestyle, or priorities)?
2. What areas of my life (religion, morals, money, politics, or culture) do I struggle most to fully surrender to Christ?
3. Where in my life am I saying the right things about Jesus but living as if He has no authority?