

Jesus' Trial: The Real Motives

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:1-13

Why did they reject Jesus?

1. They stumbled over the incarnation.

Matthew 13:54-58

John 7:27 *"We know where this man is from; but whenever the Christ may come, no one knows where He is from."*

Matthew 13:57 *they took offense at Him*

John 6:42 *They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, 'I have come down out of heaven'?"*

Matthew 13:58 *because of their unbelief*

2. They refused to repent.

Matthew 12:41

Matthew 11:20-21

3. They did not see themselves as sinners.

Matthew 9:10-13

Luke 18:9 *[Jesus] told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt.*

4. They could not see their slavery to sin.

John 8:33-34 *"We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin."*

5. They were content with external righteousness.

Matthew 15:7-12

6. They were comfortable in their religious traditions.

Matthew 15:1-3

7. They had no concern about the wrath to come.

Matthew 3:7

8. They were content with their own wisdom.

Matthew 12:42

9. They loved money.

Luke 16:14 *Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things and were scoffing at Him.*

Matthew 19:23-26

10. The cost was too high.

Luke 14:28 *For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?*

11. They were distracted by the affairs of this life.

Matthew 22:1-5

Luke 14:18-20 *They all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.' Another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.' Another one said, 'I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.'*

Matthew 13:22