

# Why Jesus Is Rejected

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- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 The same was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
- 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
- 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.
- 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
- 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
- 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
- 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
- 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
- 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
- 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...

# ***The Gospel Of John – The Gospel Of Belief***

- John 1:12 → 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
- John 3:16, 36 → 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ...  
36 He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him. (ASV)
- John 8:24 → 24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

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➤ John 9:35-38 → 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

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- John 11:45 → 45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.
- John 12:42-43 → 42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: 43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.
- John 3:3-5 → 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

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➤ John 20:27-28, 30-31 → 27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust [it] into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. ... 30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

# *More Than Sufficient Evidence For Belief*

## ➤ *John the baptizer bore witness of Jesus.*

- John 5:33 → Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.
- John 1:32-34 → 32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. 34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

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## ➤ *The Works that Jesus did bore witness of Him.*

- John 5:36 → 36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.
- Miracles recorded in John:
  - Water to wine. (ch. 2)
  - Healing the nobleman's son. (ch. 4)
  - Healing the disabled man by the sheep gate. (ch. 5)
  - Feeding 5,000/walking on water. (ch. 6)
  - Restoring sight to the man born blind. (ch. 9)
  - Raising Lazarus from the dead. (ch. 11)



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## ➤ *The Father bore witness of the Son:*

➤ *John 5:37* → And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me.

➤ Matt. 3:17 → 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

➤ Matt. 17:5 → 5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

➤ Jn. 12:28 → 28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

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## ➤ ***The scriptures testify of Jesus.***

- Jn. 5:39 → 39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.
- Acts 17:11-12 → 11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed;

## ➤ ***Moses wrote of Jesus.***

- 45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. 46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

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## ➤ *Did not believe the scriptures.*

- Jn. 5:46-47 → 46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. 47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?
- Matt. 22:29 → “...ye do err not knowing the scriptures...”
- Rom. 10:17 → “...faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Mk. 16:15-16)
- Lk. 16:28-31 → “...if they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if one rose from the dead.”

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## ➤ *They had hardened their hearts.*

- Jn. 12:37-41 → 37 But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him. 38 This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke: "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?" 39 For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah said again, 40 "HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HE HARDENED THEIR HEART, SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, AND BE CONVERTED AND I HEAL THEM." 41 These things Isaiah said because he saw His glory, and he spoke of Him. (cf. Matt. 13:15)

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## ➤ *They had hardened their hearts. (Jn. 12:37-41; Matt. 13:15)*

➤ They had allowed Satan to hid the light of the gospel.

➤ II Cor. 4:3-4 → 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

➤ Sin. Heb. 3:12-13

➤ Pride → Rom. 1:22

➤ Family → Matt. 10:34-37

➤ False teachers → Matt. 15:14

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## ➤ *They loved darkness more than light.*

- John 3:19-21 → 19 "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and **men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.** 20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."
- Rom. 1:28 → 28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,
- Rom. 6:23 → the wages of sin is death.

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- *They did not love God.*

- John 5:40-42 → 40 and **you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.** 41 "I do not receive glory from men; 42 but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.
- I Jn. 4:19 → we love him, because he first loved us.
- Jn. 14:15 → If ye love me, keep my commandments.
- I Jn. 5:3 → For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.