

Year A #68
Israel Rejects Him
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Hello! This is Dorothy -

As we are thinking of these days leading towards Easter, it is very, very important to understand that **He - The Lord - came unto his own, and his own received him not. (John 1:11).** *They rejected Him!* Have you ever thought about that? He loved His own; He was the answer to meet His people, but they had a very different idea of what they wanted. They wanted somebody to come in and throw out the Romans, who were putting on this terrible, heavy pressure on their lives. They wanted the kind of kingdom that they imagined should be here on earth. They did not mind giving God the name to be over it, but they had it all planned what they wanted. We are kind of like that down here. We have our own ideas of what we think Heaven is all about, what we think the future is all about, but God's Word is extremely clear. The Lord makes it abundantly clear that He came to His own precious people, those He had wanted to stand in any situation for Himself. Instead, they took on what was around them and fell for all the ideas of the gods about them and, before you knew it, there was no difference! We read they married strange wives and, literally, took on the gods of their wives; they worshiped Satan in the disguise of these gods! Therefore, when our Lord came, the final dreadful thing that happened was that they rejected Him!

People say, “Well, what happened to the Jew?” The Word of God shows that, as I said to a wonderful Jewish friend of mine, the blessing is that we who are Gentiles have this window of opportunity. as the Gospel went then to the Gentiles. Of course, there are some Jewish people who have come to know the Lord, but, for the most part, it has been to the Gentiles that the Gospel has gone forth around the world. Those who have come to know Him, whether Jew or Gentile, become what we call *His bride*, that precious bride He so dearly loves. He is going to again come back to His own Jewish people. You say, “When will that be?” The time is very near when those of us who love and know Him will be raptured to Him and, at that time, all the wrath of God will be poured out upon this earth! It will be a terrible scene, but it will be in those days that there will be a percentage of the Jewish people who will realize this is the very One they rejected. That is why the center of the world is very much around Jerusalem and what will one day happen there. After those dreadful years of Tribulation, our Lord will set up a kingdom here on earth in which He will rule and . . . **every knee shall bow. (Romans 14:11.)**

You see, it is terribly important to see from God’s point of view, even as we view Easter. So, to this end, I want us to read these verses in **Luke 4 -**

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the

broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Notice : He did not continue to prophecy. The Scripture tells us -

20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears.

22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son? The people began to question and to doubt. And God, through His Son Jesus Christ, showed them that, although there would be those who would reject Him, one day they would look upon Him whom they had pierced and they would behold our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! It was a sad day that Israel rejected Jesus as their King. Increasingly, we are going to see this in other passages as we look at this week coming up to Easter, as we think about the crucifixion. But God sent His Son to His people, Israel, in grace. We read in **John chapter 1** -

16 And of his fullness have we all received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. As we live in this amazing period of grace, this grace is extended to you and me today. Will we reject this King Jesus, or will

we see His grace offered out by what He did on the Cross for you and me? Let us respond to Him and let us worship Him.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.