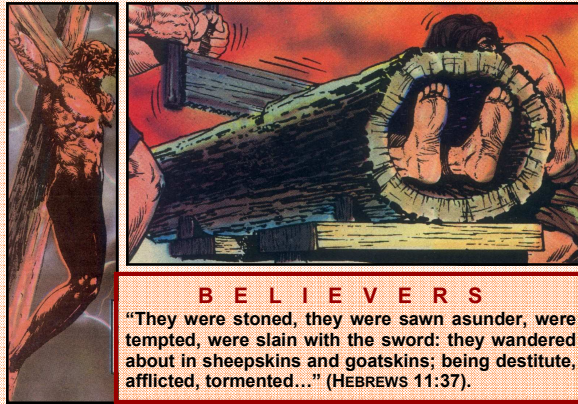


# Jesus is DESPISED! Are YOU despised?



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"They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented..." (HEBREWS 11:37).

Jesus had no place to lay his head, remember? Isaiah the prophet wrote about Jesus: "**He IS DESPISED and REJECTED OF MEN; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we HID as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not**" (ISAIAH 53:3).

The word "**DESPISE**" means *to look down upon with contempt and scorn*. If you are a *true follower* of Jesus Christ, then you should be **DESPISED** of men too.

Jesus said to his disciples, "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not **greater** than his Lord; neither he that is **SENT** (WHICH ARE HIS FOLLOWERS) greater than **he that sent him** (AND THAT'S JESUS)*" (JOHN 13:16).

Are **YOU** a partaker of "...*the **FELLOWSHIP** of his sufferings*" (PHILIP. 3:10) or have you taken the "*easy*" and "*comfortable*" road of "*compromise*," gaining friendships and admirations with the world?

Jesus also said to his disciples, "*If the world **HATE** you, ye know that it **HATED me BEFORE it HATED you...***" (JOHN 15:18-19), and **ALL** believers "*...that will live godly **in Christ Jesus shall SUFFER persecution***" (2 TIM. 3:12).

Jesus said, "*Blessed are ye, when men shall **HATE** you, and when they shall **SEPARATE YOU** from their company, and shall **reproach** you, and **cast out your name as evil**, for the Son of man's sake*" (LUKE 6:22).

Has the world "**SEPARATED**" from you? If not, get on your knees now and repent. You have a *counterfeit*.



Jesus was *never* "well-liked" as these ministers. Jesus was *never* "respected" and "revered" by the world as these. But, "*...the foundation of God standeth **SURE**, having this seal, **The Lord knoweth them that are his***" (2 Tim. 2:19).

Of all the **EVIL** that is done under the sun, there is none greater than a **FALSE REPRESENTATIVE** of *the Word of God* that will make **MERCHANDISE** out of the souls of men and women.

Peter said "*...there shall be **false teachers** among you, who [**PRIVATELY**] shall bring in **damnable heresies**, even **denying the Lord** that bought them...and **MANY** shall follow their **pernicious** [**RUIN; LOSS**] ways; by reason of whom **the way of truth shall be evil spoken of**. And through **covetousness** [**GREEDINESS**] shall they with **feigned** [**ARTIFICIAL; PRETENSE**] words make **merchandise of you***" (2 PETER 2:1-3).

If the world is **FRIENDLY** towards you, it's because you are still **of** the world. Therefore, as Jesus said, "*The world **cannot hate you; but me it hateth, BECAUSE I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil***" (JOHN 7:7).

"**WHOSOEVER** therefore shall be **ashamed of me** and of **MY WORDS** in this **ADULTEROUS** and **SINFUL** generation; of him also shall the Son of man be **ashamed, WHEN HE COMETH** in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (MARK 8:38).

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