

WHY DID THE JEWS REJECT CHRIST?

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"What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God" {Romans 3:1,2} Paul, after telling the Gentiles their need for Christ, tells the Jews this need is also theirs. Did they not already understand that truth? Sadly, they had rejected the Messiah. Question we ponder, is why?

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me." {John 5:39} The Jews were proud of their Jewish heritage. Yet, if they truly understood the prophets, and believed them, then they would have accepted Christ. Listen to what the prophets said:

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel. "{Genesis 3:15} **Fulfilled in Christ**, Galatians 4:4.

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." {Isaiah 7:14} **Fulfilled in Christ**, Matthew 1:23.

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." {Micah 5:2} **Fulfilled in Christ**, Luke 2:4.

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear." {Deuteronomy 18:15} **Fulfilled in Christ**, John 1:45.

"The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." {Psalm 110:4} **Fulfilled in Christ**, Hebrews 5:6.

"Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver." {Zechariah 11:12} **Fulfilled in Christ**, when Jesus was betrayed by Judas for thirty pieces of silver! Matthew 26:15

"They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink." {Psalm 69:21} **Fulfilled by Christ**, as He hung on the cross, Matthew 27:34.

"For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption." {Psalm 16:10} **Fulfilled in Christ**, when He came forth from the grave on the third day, Matthew 28:1-6.

"The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." {Psalm 110:1} **Fulfilled in Christ**, when He ascended back to the Father, Acts 1:9.

In all of these instances CHRIST was the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Why did the Jews not see this?

“If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation.” {John 11:48}

“The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him.” {John 7:32}

“For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.” {Matthew 27:18}

In a nutshell, the Jews rejected Christ because He did not fit their expectations! Yet, He did fit the Scriptures in every respect. All the prophecies concerning Him came true and cannot be denied – over 330 of them! Sadly, the Jews had a closed mind because of prejudice! ***