

They Did Not Confess Him

I. Introduction:

A. The Jews had long before been told that an everlasting Savior was coming (**Isaiah 9:1-7**).

1. The foretold everlasting throne belonged to Jesus (**Hebrews 1:1-9**).
2. It was to Christ that the throne of David was given (**Luke 1:32-33**).

B. Jesus came and was the light of the world (**John 8:12**).

1. His time among men was short (**John 7:33** and **John 16:16**).
2. Unfortunately, the light wasn't welcomed (**John 3:1-21**).

II. Body: **John 12:34-43**

A. Jesus did plenty to prove who He was (**Matthew 11:1-5**, **John 5:36**, and **Acts 2:22**).

1. The Scriptures confirmed Him (**John 5:39; 46**).
2. Most just weren't interested in the truth (**Matthew 13:10-17**).

B. Those that would have followed Jesus had a greater deterrent (**Proverbs 29:25**).

1. Confessing Jesus meant being cast out of their synagogues (**John 9:22**).
2. One must confess Christ (**Luke 12:8-9**, **Romans 10:9-10**, **I John 2:23**, **I John 4:15**, and **II John 1:7**).
3. A faithful relationship with our Lord means we cannot have fear in what man might do to us (**Hebrews 13:5-6**).
4. At the same time, there were those who confessed Christ in the face of adversity, but failed in other ways (**Revelation 2:12-17**).

C. Whether it be the praise of man, anyone, or anything else; we cannot put ourselves in any position wherein our Lord isn't our first love (**Revelation 2:1-5**).

1. That love will hold us where we need to be (**II Corinthians 5:14-15**).
2. That love moves us to do the things we need to do (**Hebrews 6:9-12**).
3. Charity [love] is essential in all things (**I Corinthians 16:14**, **Galatians 5:6; 5:13**, and **Colossians 3:14**).
4. "Other things" can too easily get in the way (**Mark 4:19**).

III. Conclusion: In our word and deed, let's never fail to confess Christ in this dark world (**II Timothy 2:1-12**).