

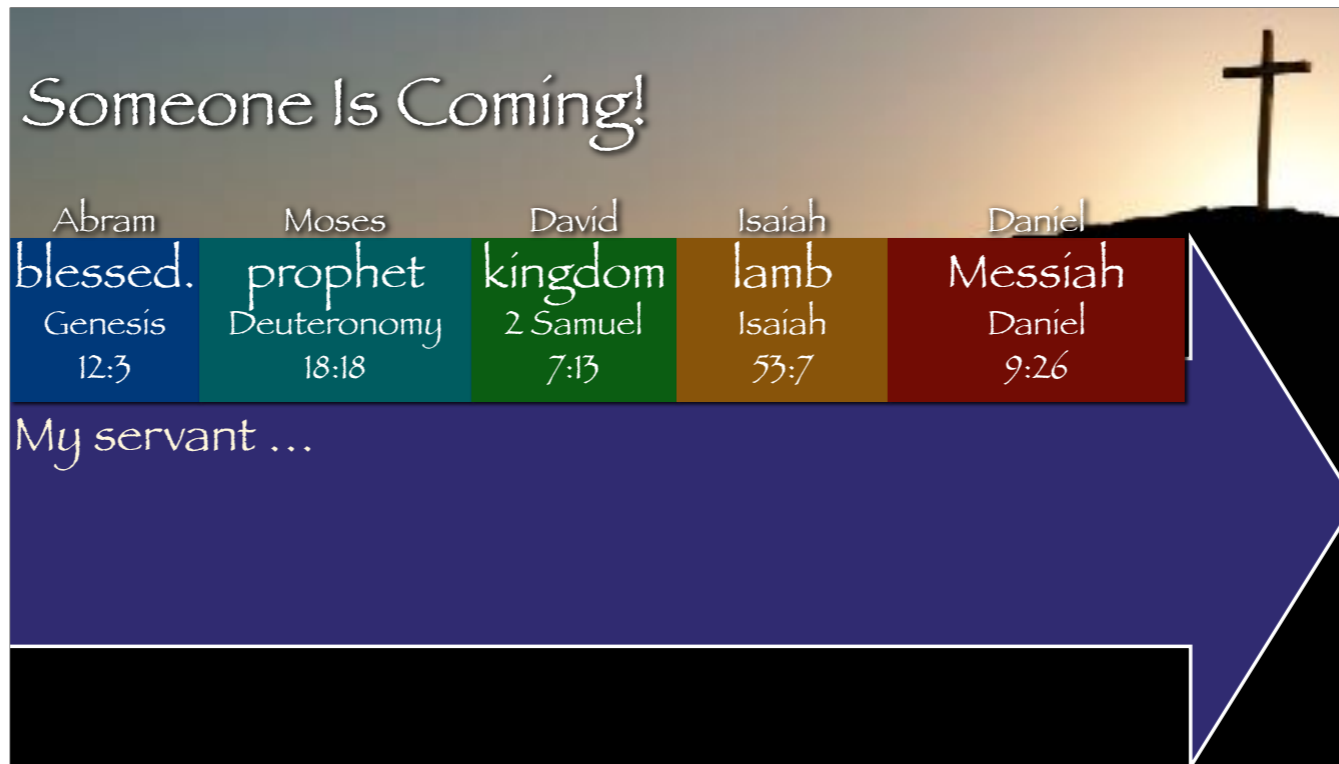


- That moment when you walk into some place
 - maybe expecting a warm welcome
 - But you were met with a cold shoulders,
- Rebounds on myself
 - What's wrong with me?
 - Why am I alone?
 - I must be worthless.

Someone Is Coming!

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in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.	I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers.	I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.	like a lamb that is led to the slaughter	Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing
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 - Prophet
 - King
 - Lamb
 - Messiah
- Anticipation for the people of Israel
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 Psalm 22:6-7

- Psalms 22:6-8 (ESV) 6 But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. 7 All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; 8 “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

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 - And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.
 - 17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.
 - He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,
 - 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”
 - 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down.
 - And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.
 - 21 And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”
 - 22 And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth.
 - And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?”
- 23 And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.”
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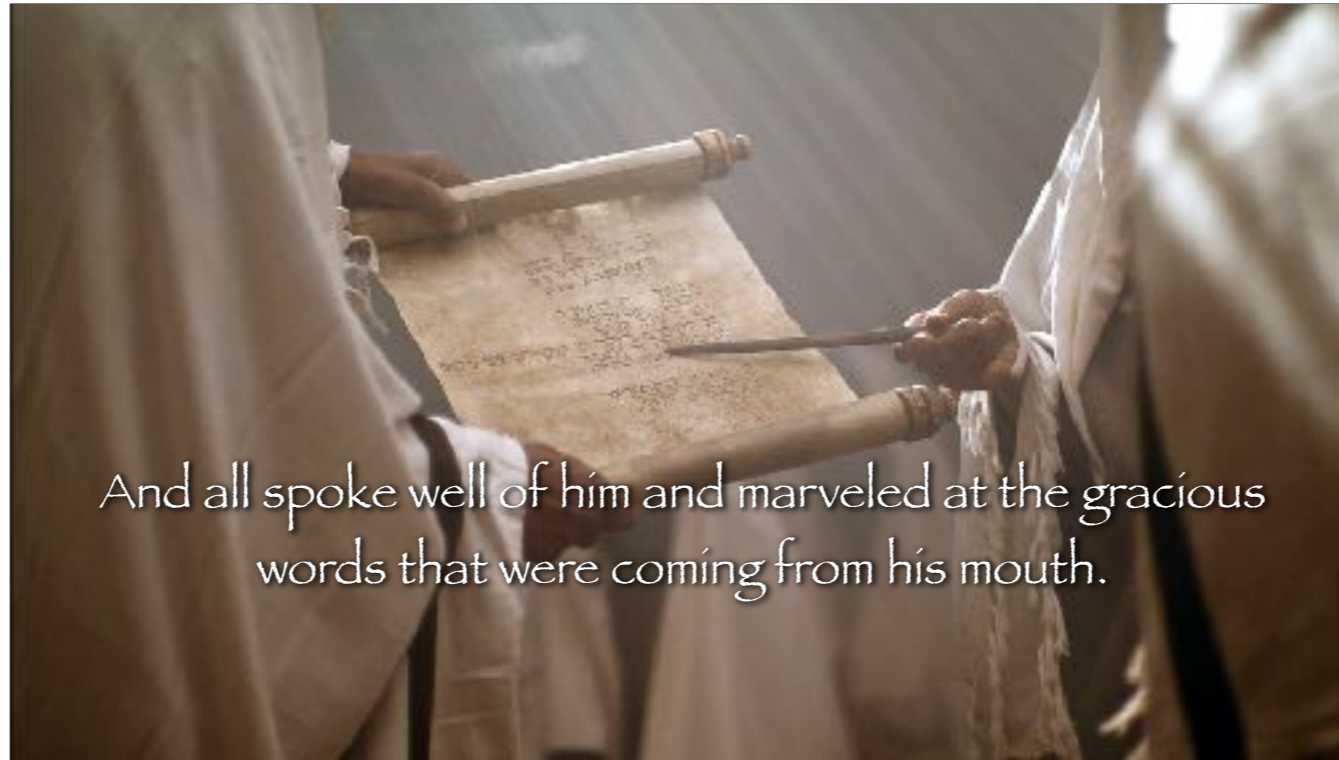
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- Why did they reject Jesus?



- Familiarity: Family, Friends

- John 7:1-9 (ESV) 1 After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. 2 Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. 3 So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. 4 For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." **5 For not even his brothers believed in him.** 6 Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. 7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. 8 You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come." 9 After saying this, he remained in Galilee.



- Greed, Selfishness, Power

- Matthew 21:33-46 (ESV) 33 "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. 34 When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. 35 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them.



- 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, '**This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.**' 39 And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."



- 42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: **“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;** this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? 43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. 44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. 46 And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.



- Worldly
 - John 3:31-36 (ESV) 31 He who comes from above is above all. **He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way.** He who comes from heaven is above all. 32 He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet **no one receives his testimony.** 33 Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. 34 For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. 35 The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. 36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.



- Prejudice

- John 1:46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."



- Luke 7:36-39 (ESV) 36 One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. 37 And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, 38 and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. 39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, **"If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner."**



- Luke 15:1-7 (ESV) 1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, **“This man receives sinners and eats with them.”**
- Luke 9:53-56 (ESV) 53 **But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.** 54 And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” 55 But he turned and rebuked them. 56 And they went on to another village.



- Blind to Signs

- John 12:36-43 (ESV) When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. 37 **Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him**, 38 so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” 39 Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, 40 **“He has blinded their eyes** and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.” 41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. 42 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.



- No love of God: Scriptures

- John 5:39-47 (ESV) 39 **You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life**; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. 41 I do not receive glory from people. 42 **But I know that you do not have the love of God within you.** 43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. 44 How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? 45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. 47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"



- I will always be an outsider, even in church, family
- I was helpful, compassionate.
- I was trying to do this out of pride and deserved this.
- I will never be enough.
- I have no purpose.
- Maybe they are right about me.



- Do you ever feel rejected?
- John 15:18-19 (ESV) 18 "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.
- John 17:14-17 (ESV) 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.



- What did Jesus do?
- Walk away and keep working
 - Mark 6:6 (ESV) 6 And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.
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- Understanding

- Matthew 26:36-46 (ESV) 36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." 37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." 39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."



- 40 And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” 42 Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” 43 And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.



- 44 So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. 45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."



- Acceptance

- Matthew 26:48-54 (ESV) 48 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." 49 And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. 50 Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do."



- Don't Fight Back

- Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. 51 And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. 52 Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?"



- It's vital that we we greet visitors with warm welcome

- James 2:1-10 (ESV) 1 My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. 2 For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, 3 and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," 4 have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? 7 Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? 8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. 9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.



- Accepting Jesus
- What will it take for you to accept Jesus?
- What leads you to rejecting him? Is it valid?



- Search the scriptures ... they tell the truth
 - John 5:39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Rejected

Luke 4:16-30

Synopsis: When Jesus came to save his people, they rejected him. He knows what it feels like when we feel left out and alone, rejected and not accepted.

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”