

# Judgment on Christ Rejecters, Part 1

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 12:38-42.
- B. Those who hate Jesus hate God.
- C. Many appear to love God until they are confronted with Jesus Christ.
- D. The religious leaders are trying to do everything they could to discredit Jesus because they hated him.

## II. The leaders sought from Jesus a sign from heaven.

- A. The Jews always sought signs. (1 Corinthians 1:21)
- B. Their goal was to discredit Jesus.

## III. Jesus calls them unfaithful to God. (Psalm 73:27, Isaiah 50, 57, Jeremiah 3:6-10, 13:27, Ezekiel 16, Hosea 7, James 4:4)

## IV. Jesus says that Jonah prophesied his resurrection. This was the last sign that they could reject.

- A. Jesus was greater than Jonah.
- B. The people of Nineveh would act as condemnation for the Israelites because they believed with much less.

## V. Jesus says that the queen of the south would rise up and condemn them. (1 Kings 10)

- A. The queen of the south heaped treasures on Solomon since she was so amazed at him.
- B. Jesus is greater than Solomon. She believed with less, so the condemnation on the Jews who rejected Jesus will be greater.

**Application Questions:**

1. What are some ways that many churches have moved away from Jesus today?

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2. Why is there no acceptance of God without acceptance of Jesus?

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3. What are some ways we are tempted to slip into religion without keeping Jesus at the center in our daily lives? Explain.

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