

THE RECEPTION OF CHRIST

"...He came unto His own, and His own received Him not..." (John 1:11)

Introduction: Jesus has been treated many different ways by people. The variety of ways in which different people have received and treated Jesus is worthy of our time. Let's take a look at how Jesus has been received.

I. THE WISE MEN received Him as "the KING" of the Jews.

1. They sought Him.
2. They worshipped Him.
3. They presented gifts to Him.

II. HEROD THE KING, treated Him as an enemy (rival).

1. *Matthew 2:16-18*
2. The wicked have always resented Christ's presence.
3. Jesus still throws down the power of sin and places Himself upon the throne of the heart.

III. NICODEMUS RECEIVED Him as a Teacher (John 3:2)

1. Men's remarks are still the same: *"...Never a man spake like this man..." (John 7:46)*
2. Jesus claimed to be anointed as Heaven's Teacher and make promises of salvation, safety and satisfaction to those who practiced His teachings. (*Matthew 7:24-29*)

IV. SOME RECEIVED Him as a Prophet (Matthew 16:14)

1. John the Baptist
2. Elijah
3. Jeremiah

V. SOME RECEIVED Him as "...the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world..." (John 1:29)

1. Thomas said, *"...My Lord and my God..." (John 20:28)*

CONCLUSION:

1. *"...He came unto His own, and His own received Him not..."*
- Is this YOUR reception of Jesus? Which of these mentioned would you like to be your reception?