

# THE UNRECOGNIZED CHRIST

## John 1:10-11

**Introduction:** "Who was that? He sure looked familiar, but I just can't place Him..." All of us have memory failures at one time or other and then some times faces just look familiar but we have never seen that person before. "I can remember faces, but names just escape me..." is often the comment of some.

What about Jesus Christ? He came, He stayed for a while, then He left, but He's coming back again. Will He be recognized?

## I. JESUS CAME INTO HIS OWN CREATION

1. Look at our world:
  - See the ocean tides, the seasons, the daylight, night time, how steady and regular they are.
  - See, listen to nature and the "laws" of survival it's creatures live by.
  - Think! To look around, to listen to our world is to see the work of Jesus.
2. Take a look upward:
  - In some places of our world, one can look upward and see the unlimited night sky with stars as numerous as the sand on a beach.
  - All the planets of the universe move on their appointed courses without error.
  - Few, if any, who have observed the heavenly sky, especially at night, have ever been called "unbelievers." If one studies the universe, one cannot but help believe there is God.
  - To look upward is to see the work of Jesus.
3. Look inwardly at us:
  - We have an ability to reason? Where did that come from?
  - We know what is right and wrong. How do we know the difference?
  - We are born with a knowledge of certain moral laws. How did that happen?
  - We have a conscience. Where did that come from?
  - To look inside our own selves is to see the very image of God.
4. Now, take a look backward:
  - History reveals that people need God.
  - No nation ever stood very long without God.
  - To look back through the history of mankind, is to see the work/hand of God.
5. God's own creation recognized and received Him, but what about the people?

## II. JESUS CAME TO HIS OWN SPECIAL PEOPLE

1. Israel was Jesus' nation. From one man, God raised up a nation, trained that nation, taught that nation, led that nation.
2. When Jesus came, Israel should have recognized and received Him, but Israel didn't.
  - *Matthew 21:33-39*

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. Jesus has already come once to His own creation and His creation received Him.
  - Jesus came to His own people but they rejected Him.
2. Jesus will come again and His creation will receive Him as before, but how will Jesus be received by mankind? Will He be recognized as the Creator? Will He be recognized as the Savior? Will He be recognized as the King of Kings, Lord of Lords?
  - Will Jesus even be recognized at all?