

Why Many Become Disappointed in Jesus

John 6:15, 26, 66

Introduction:

- A. Jesus became a disappointment to many during his personal ministry.
 - 1. To those looking for a political leader. (John 6:15; 18:36).
 - 2. To those looking for a meal ticket. (John 6:26, 66).
- B. Jesus becomes a disappointment to anyone who seeks Him for the wrong reasons.

Discussion:

- I. He Disappoints Any Who Look To Him As A Personal Pawn. (Cf. John 12:5,6; Jas. 4:3).
 - A. To many Christ and church means of their business advancement (cf. 2 Pet. 2:3 KJV, ASV)
 - B. To many Christ and church means of their social advancement and enjoyment.
 - 1. Expect constant social attention.
 - 2. View it much like a club or fraternity.
 - C. To many Christ and church is merely "good insurance".
 - 1. Do not really want it.
 - 2. But want it near just in case it is needed.
- II. He Disappoints Any Who Look To Him For Earthly Equity (Luke 12:13-15).
 - A. Jesus does not promise that we will be treated fairly in this world. (cf. 1 Cor. 6:7,8).
 - 1. Warned us of ill treatment. (Matt. 5:11-12; 1 Pet. 2:20).
 - 2. Warned that we will have poverty always. (John 12:8).
 - B. Jesus teaches us to look deeper and beyond present inequities. (Phil. 1:12-20).
- III. He Disappoints Any Who Look To Him For Unrestricted Fellowship. (Matt. 7:13,14).
 - A. The Lord's way is not broad enough to embrace all doctrines. (2 John 9; 1 Tim. 1:3; Rom. 16:17,18).
 - B. The Lord's way is broad enough to embrace all in every nation that obeys. (cf. Acts 10:34,35).
- IV. He Disappoints Any Who Look To Him For An Earthly Utopia.
 - A. Jesus does not promise to solve all his followers earthly problems. (John 16:33; Acts 14:22).
 - 1. Do not expect a temptation-free life. (1 Cor. 10:13).
 - 2. Do not expect a problem-church in this world. (1 Cor. 11:19).
 - 3. Do expect persecution for His sake. (Matt. 5:10-12; 2 Tim. 3:12).
 - B. Jesus does promise support during these troubles.
 - 1. He did not remove Paul's "thorn", but gave grace to bear it. (1 Cor. 12:7-9).
 - 2. He did remove Jesus' death, did send strength. (Heb. 5:7; Luke 22:42,43).
 - 3. He will not remove trouble, but will go with you through it. (Rom. 8:35-39).

Conclusion:

- A. Jesus will disappoint you if you try to come to him on your terms.
- B. Jesus will not disappoint you if you unconditionally surrender. (cf. Lk. 11:28; John 13:17; Lk. 22:42,43).
- C. Jesus will not disappoint those who trust in what he has promised.
 - 1. If you obey gospel you will be forgiven as he promised.
 - 2. If you are faithful you will receive crown of life as promised.
 - 3. If you seek first kingdom of God you will receive a living as promised.
 - 4. If you walk in the light you will be cleansed of sin as promised. - Note: those walking in light confess their sins. (1 John 1:7,9).