



IT'S **HIS** FAULT! – (PT. 1 of 2)

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MATTHEW 27:12 NKJV – (12) And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, **He answered nothing.**

Jesus is the Cornerstone of the work God is doing in the world, but to those who did not believe, he was “the stone the builders rejected”. Israel rejected Jesus as their Messiah because He did not fit their preconceived ideas of a warrior king who would deliver them from political oppression.

Jesus was despised in that He was hated by the Pharisees, Sadducees, and others in the Jewish ruling class. Even though Jesus continually showed Himself to be the Messiah, the Pharisees and Sadducees refused to believe in Him, and they actively opposed Him. They even tried to kill or arrest Jesus multiple times during His earthly ministry.

As John said, “He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, they world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him”. Jesus, the Light, came into the world, but “everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed”. By what standard can we use to judge, if not the standard of God? But nevertheless, “**It’s His fault!**” Yes, that is what the people are saying.

So, then the people despise Him, reject Him, disrespect Him and most of all “**Hate Him.**” People may never say it verbatim, but the actions show it. But you might be surprised of what Jesus has to say about it. Tune in next week for part 2.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 PETER 2:7

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: To be rejected is one thing. To reject is another.