

“Enduring Rejection”

John 5:1-18, Hebrews 12:1-3

I. He was rejected because many failed to see their need for _____.

A. He understood _____ need.

1. Jesus often sought out outcasts, the sick, and the obvious sinners because they were already fully aware of their need. Mark 2:16-17
2. Our sin leaves us as helpless spiritually as he was physically.

B. He had genuine _____ to be healed.

1. Many would rather continue in their sin, and avoid any authority in their lives.
2. Although the consequences of sin are miserable, we can get comfortable in addiction.

C. He responds to Jesus’ _____.

1. He responded to Jesus’ offer and was rewarded with healing.
2. So many ignore Jesus’ direction and try to achieve heaven on their own terms.

II. He was rejected because He _____ His ground on truth. Vv. 10-16

A. His refusal to _____ the message resulted in persecution.

1. The healed man boldly reported the healing to the religious leaders, and shared Jesus instruction to Him though he did not know who Jesus was.
2. Jesus acknowledged the man’s sin, and its affect. Heb. 12:1

B. They would _____ him for His stand against their sin. Luke 6:6-11

1. They wanted Jesus to embrace their man-made religion, but Jesus would not conform.
 - The spirit of the law was this, don't do things on the Sabbath day for personal gain, don't labor for personal gain. That was the point, not don't pick up your bed and walk if you've just been healed by God. They had added 30 laws to the Sabbath. - Macarthur
 - Jesus confronted their sin just like He had with the Samaritan woman.
2. Jesus warned us that the world may hate us because of our stand. John 15:18-20
 - Jesus warned us of this reality, but reminds us of the victory we enjoy in Him.

C. A _____ for acceptance from this world can lead to compromise.

1. Our world wants tolerance and relativism and scoffs at absolute truth.

III. He was rejected for rightly making _____ equal with God. Vv. 16-18

A. They hated him for submitting to the Father’s _____. Is. 55:8-9

1. The rest on the Sabbath was a great benefit for man who grew weary. Ps. 121:3-4

B. They understood Jesus’ _____ of deity.

1. He called Him “My Father” rather than “Our Father.” He was claiming to be God’s own unique son(not physical offspring but unique position). They understood and wanted to kill him for blasphemy. He did not correct them for they had gotten the point.

C. They ignored the mercy he had shown toward the man and set out to _____ him.

1. The Apostles would later suffer the same thing. Acts 5:40-41
 - They are rejecting the One we represent and resisting life.

Closing: 2 Timothy 2:9-10, John 16:33