

# He Came to His Own and His Own Did Not Receive Him

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He "was the [True Light](#), who enlightens every man (every person), who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **He came unto His own** (the nation of Israel), and **His own did not receive Him**. But as many as do received Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God, even to those who believe on His Name; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of God**. ([John 1:9-13](#))

**He came:** From the Greek word: *elthen* which means: he-came; the context is: that Jesus came into the world which was created through Him by God the Father; and specifically Jesus came to His own nation of people (Israel) as the Father's promised True Light Christ-Messiah Savior.

**His Own:** From the Greek word: *idia* which means: one's-own; properly: uniquely one's own; belonging to someone, private, personal; one's own people, one's own family, home, or property; in context: His own ethnic people - The Jewish Nation, the Nation Israel.

**Did Not Receive Him:** From the Greek words: *auton ou parelabon* which mean: received him not; *parelabon*: from *para*: to come alongside, and *lambano*: to take, or to receive, by showing strong personal initiative and desire; to willingly join oneself to another (as in marriage); or as in following after another person in allegiance. In context: the people of God, the nation of Israel, did not all willingly and fully receive Jesus as their promised Messiah, Savior, and Lord.

## Concerning Jesus' own people, this is what the sacred scriptures say about them:

"For you are a **holy people** unto the LORD your God; **the LORD your God has chosen you** to be a special people unto Himself, above all people who are upon the face of the earth. The LORD did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because you were more in number than any people; for you were the fewest of all people; but because the LORD loved you and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn unto your fathers!" ([Deuteronomy 7:6-8](#)) (see also [Deuteronomy 14:2](#))

"O you seed (descendants) of Abraham His servant, **you children of Jacob His chosen ones**; He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth. **He has remembered His covenant forever**, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations. Which covenant He made with Abraham, and His oath unto Isaac; and confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant; saying, 'Unto you will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance.' " ([Psalms 105:6-11](#))

"But you, Israel, are My servant, **Jacob whom I have chosen**, the seed (descendants) of Abraham My friend; whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called you from its remotest regions, and said unto you, 'You are My servant; **I have chosen you**, and have not cast you away.' " ([Isaiah 41:8-9](#))

## The coming of Jesus to His people was foretold by God prophetically:

Peter quoting to the people of God: "For Moses truly said unto the fathers, '[A Prophet \(speaking of Jesus\) shall the Lord your God raise up unto you from your brethren](#), like unto me. And you shall listen to Him in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you.' And it shall come to pass, that every soul (person), who will not hear that Prophet (Jesus), [Deuteronomy 18: 15, 18-19](#)) shall be destroyed from among the people. Yes, and all the prophets from Samuel and those who followed afterwards, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days. You are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, '**And in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed**' ([Genesis 22:18](#)). Unto you first God, having raised up His Son Jesus, **sent Him to bless you**, to turn away every one of you from his iniquities." ([Acts 3:22-26](#))

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## His coming to His own people was fulfilled as follows:

“And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, 'Hail, you who is highly favored, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.' And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of greeting this should be. And the angel said unto her, 'Fear not, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And, behold, you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call His name **Jesus**. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David; and He shall reign over the house of Jacob (Israel) forever; and of **His kingdom** there shall be no end.” (Luke 1:26-33)

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for **He has visited and redeemed His people**, and has raised up a Horn of Salvation (speaking of Jesus) **for us** in the house of His servant David; **as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets**, since the world began; so that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant; the oath which He swore to our father Abraham.” (Luke 1:68-75, the prophecy of Zacharias the father of John the Baptist)

“And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David; to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:4-7)

## His Devine coming was publicly confirmed by His Father from Heaven:

“Then Jesus came from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized by him. ... And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting upon Him. And lo a voice from heaven, saying, 'This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'” (see Matthew 3:13-17)

## His public revealing to His own people occurred as follows in His own hometown:

“And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was given to Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written, *'The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the Good-news to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord'* (Isaiah 61:1-2). ... . And the eyes of all those who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say unto them, **'This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.'** And all bore Him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, 'Is not this Joseph's Son?' And He said unto them, 'You will surely say unto Me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself; and whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in your country.' And He said, 'Truly I say unto you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you a truth: many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; but unto none of them was Elijah sent, accept unto Sarepta, a city near Sidon, unto a woman who was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, accept Naaman the Syrian.' And all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, **were filled with wrath**, and rose up, and thrust Him out of the city, and led Him unto the brow of the hill upon which their city was built, so that they might cast Him down headlong. But He passing through the midst of them went His way.” (Luke 4:16-30)

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So began the failure of His people to recognize Jesus as their coming Christ-Messiah, and much opposition continued, and then their rejection of Him! Please consider the following:

“Then came the Jews round about Him, and said unto Him, 'How long do You make us to doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered them, 'I told you, and you did not believe; the works (miracles) that I do in My Father's Name, they bear witness of Me. But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them Eternal Life; and they shall never perish, nor shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, who gave them to Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand. **I and My Father are One.**' Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.” (John 10:24-33)

Jesus said, “If I had not done among them the works which no other man did, they would not have sin; but now have they both seen (the mighty works) **and have hated both Me and My Father.** But this comes to pass, so that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, '**They hated Me without a cause.**' ” (John 15:24-25) (quote is from [Psalm 35:19](#))

**And Jesus wept because His own people did not recognized the time of His Visitation:**

“And when He (Jesus) had come near, He beheld the city (Jerusalem), **and wept over it**, saying, 'If you **had known**, even you, at least in this your day, the things which belong unto **your peace!** But now they are hidden from your eyes. For the days shall come upon you, that your enemies shall cast a trench about you, and surround you, and keep you in on every side; and shall lay (level) you even with the ground, and your children within you. And they shall not leave in you one stone upon another; **because you did not know the time of your Visitation** (the time of the coming of their Messiah Jesus; which was 'then' !). ([Luke 19:41-45](#))

**In the end His own nation dealt with Jesus as follows:**

“Then Jesus came forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate said unto them, “**Behold the Man!**” When the chief priests therefore and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, '**Crucify Him, crucify Him.**' But Pilate said unto them, 'You Take Him, and crucify Him; for I find no fault in Him.' The Jews answered him, 'We have a law, and by our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.' ... and he said unto the Jews, 'Behold your King!' But they cried out, '**Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him.**' Pilate said unto them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' But, the chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. Then he delivered **Him** therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led Him away. And He bearing His cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha, **where they crucified Him!**” ([John 19:5-18](#))

## Jesus Came to His Own Nation, and His Own Did Not Receive Him

**Or Believe Him! Instead they hated Him and God the Father who sent Jesus!  
His own nation did not know that Jesus their Messiah had visited them!!  
Instead they cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him, crucify Him” !!**

**It was so fulfilled as Jesus Himself said:**

**“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world (all people) through Him might be saved.”**

**Thank You Jesus for giving to us, through Your death on the Cross, the power, through faith in You, to become the children of God the Father !!**

**We believe in You, and we receive You into our hearts and lives !!**

**All praise and glory and honor we give back unto You !!**

**Amen !**