

## **WWJD If Belittled And Rejected**

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### **Not everyone will be thrilled we follow Jesus**

John 15:19-21

<sup>19</sup> *If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.* <sup>20</sup> *Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.* <sup>21</sup> *They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me.*

### **What Jesus Taught Us To Do When Treated Harshly**

Matt 5:38-48

<sup>38</sup> *You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'* <sup>39</sup> *But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.* <sup>40</sup> *And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.* <sup>41</sup> *If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.* <sup>42</sup> *Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.*

<sup>43</sup> *You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'* <sup>44</sup> *But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,* <sup>45</sup> *that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.* <sup>46</sup> *If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?* <sup>47</sup> *And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?* <sup>48</sup> *Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

### **What Jesus Did Not Mean**

John 7:1

*"After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him."*

Matthew 10:22-23

<sup>22</sup> *You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.* <sup>23</sup> *When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."*

John 18:22-23

<sup>22</sup> *When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded.* <sup>23</sup> *"If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?"*

## What Jesus Did Mean

Mark 14:53-65

<sup>53</sup> They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. <sup>54</sup> Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

<sup>55</sup> The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. <sup>56</sup> Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

<sup>57</sup> Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: <sup>58</sup> "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.'" <sup>59</sup> Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

<sup>60</sup> Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" <sup>61</sup> But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

<sup>62</sup> "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

<sup>63</sup> The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked. <sup>64</sup> "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?"

They all condemned him as worthy of death. <sup>65</sup> Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophesy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

1 Peter 2:19-23

<sup>19</sup> For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup> But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

Romans 12:17-32

<sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.  
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **Jesus Treats Us This Way**

Luke 23:34

*Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”*

Acts 7:59-60

<sup>59</sup> While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.