



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM WITH UNDERSTANDING”

Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to
know what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32

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TEXT: JOHN 1:10-13

TITLE: JESUS – EMMANUEL – GOD WITH US

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Those who reject Jesus will never have a relationship with Jesus and will, thereby, never be in the family of Jesus __
- B. This is about relationship _____
 1. God desires intimacy and a personal relationship
 - a. Adam and Eve – animal skins to cover their nakedness revealed by their sin (**Genesis 3:21** ²¹ *And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.* NLT)
 - b. Animal sacrifices covered the sins of the people (**Hebrews 10:4** ⁴ *It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.* NIV)
 - c. Through Jesus, intimacy and a personal relationship with God is established (**John 1:29**, ²⁹ *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”*)
 2. God desires that we become daughters and sons

JESUS CAME TO HIS OWN WORLD AND TO HIS OWN PEOPLE

- A. Jesus’ own people did not recognize him _____
- B. Jesus’ own people did not receive him _____
 1. Receive = *paralambanō* = [*para* (alongside) and *lambano* (to receive what is offered)] = To accept or acknowledge one to be such as he professes to be
 2. They did not receive Jesus for who Jesus said he was
- C. Why did Jesus’ own people not recognize nor receive him? _____

JESUS CAME TO HIS OWN WORLD AND TO YOU

- A. Do I recognize Jesus? _____
- B. Have I received Jesus? _____
 - a. Have I received Jesus for who Jesus said he is? No / Yes
 - b. No – I will never have a relationship with Jesus and will, thereby, never be in the family of Jesus
 - c. Yes – I become a child of God
 - d. Do I desire deeper intimacy and a deeper personal relationship?
 - i. Jesus is my Savior
 - ii. Jesus is my Lord
 - iii. Jesus is my Friend
 - e. **John 15:15**, ¹⁵ *No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.*