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John 1:9-11

The Rejection of the True Light

1. Jesus is the true Light of the World (John 1:9a)
 - a. Light is a symbol of God (1 John 1:5; Rev 21:23; James 1:17)

 - b. Light is a symbol of God's Word (Psalm 119:105)

 - c. Light is a symbol of salvation (1 Peter 2:9)

 - d. Light is a symbol of Jesus Christ (Isaiah 9:2; Luke 2:27-32; John 8:12; Matthew 4:16)

2. Mission of the True Light (John 1:9b)

“Enlightens every man.” There are four possible views.

- a. It refers to Universalism (John 3:36)

- b. It refers to “prevenient grace” (John 3:19)

- c. It refers to General Revelation and Light of Conscience (Romans 1:18-21; Rom 2:14-16)

- d. It refers to Christ as the Light that shines on every person (Hebrews 6:4-6)

3. Christ was rejected by the World (John 1:10)

- a. He was in the World

- b. The World was created by Him (John 1:3; Hebrews 11:3; Col 1:16-17))

- c. The World did not know Him (John 17:3; John 3:16)

 - d. Why did the world not know Him?
 - o Because of the depravity of man's will (Eph 2:1; 2 Tim 3:2, 4; Eph 4:18; Romans 8:7)

 - o Spiritual Blindness (2 Cor 4:3-4; 1 Cor 2:14)
4. Christ was rejected by His Own (John 1:11)
- a. He came to Earth (John 1:14; Micah 5:2)

 - b. He came to His own people (Isaiah 1:2-4)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- a. What is the significance of the "true light" in John 1:9?

- b. What are some verses in the Bible that teach "Total depravity"?

- c. What does it mean to say that Jesus gives light to every man coming into the world?

- d. Does the last part of verse 9 refer to the incarnation of Jesus or to the conscience God provides every human being or to natural revelation? Explain your answer

- e. In verse 11, the first appearance of the word “own” appears in the neuter gender and the second is masculine. What significance could such a distinction have for interpretation?