

SERMON OUTLINE/NOTES

"How Have You Received Jesus Christ?"

John 4:43-45 (Luke 4:14-30)

Introduction

- Review – Jesus received by the Samaritans
- Not received by many Israelites, aka Jews
 - Required signs & wonders – Didn't take Him at His word

How Jesus was Received by the Galileans (vs. 43-45)

- A. "A Prophet hath no honour in his own country" (vs. 43-44) – 2 explanations:
 - His relatives & neighbors in Nazareth (Luke 4:14-30; Mark 6:4; Genesis Chapters 37-50; 1 Samuel Chapter 17; Jeremiah 11:21; 2 Corinthians Chapter 11; Galatians 5:11)
 - Fellow Galileans in general – the region that included Nazareth (John 4:1-3, 48; 6:66)
 - A general statement or rule of thumb that includes other 2 explanations
- B. The Galileans received Jesus, but didn't necessarily honor Him (v. 45)
 - Received Jesus because of the miracles He did in Jerusalem (John 2:23) – make them "better off" (2 Peter 3:10-13; Luke 17:20-21; John 18:36)
- C. His Miracles were signs & seals of He was/is; and His mission or purpose in coming
 - Outward signs & seals that He was the Son of God (God, the Son, come in the flesh) and the spiritual nature of His mission (John 1:1, 14; Hebrews 2:3-4)
- D. Two ways in which a person receives Jesus:
 - In the way the Galileans received Jesus – leads to rejection of Jesus
 - Or, in the way the Samaritans received Jesus that leads to everlasting life (John 1:12, 13; Ephesians 2:1-5; Ephesians 1:3-14; Galatians 3:29)

Conclusion and Application

- How have you received Jesus Christ?
- It means the difference between everlasting life and everlasting damnation