

Grateful Worship

Matthew 2:1-23

Joint Thanksgiving Service at RPC of Columbus

December 1, 2013

Main Point:

Jesus, the faithful Son of God, was despised and rejected for you; therefore, gratefully worship Him, no matter the cost.

1. Jesus is worthy of your worship. (vv. 1-11)

2. As the true Son of God, Jesus was always faithful to the Father on your behalf. (vv. 12-15)

3. As a Nazarene, Jesus was despised and rejected for your sake. (vv. 16-23)

4. Gratefully worship Him, no matter the cost.

Quotations and Cross-References

Numbers 24:17 ¹⁷ ... A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel ... (NKJV)

Hosea 11:1-3 ¹ "When Israel *was* a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son. ² ... [But] they sacrificed to the Baals, And burned incense to carved images. ³ "I taught Ephraim to walk, Taking them by their arms; But they did not know that I healed them. (NKJV)

Philippians 2:6-8 ⁶ [Jesus] who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. (NKJV)

John 17:4 ⁴ "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. (NKJV)

Jeremiah 31:15-16 ¹⁵ Thus says the LORD: "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation *and* bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted for her children, Because they *are* no more." ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD: "Refrain your voice from weeping, And your eyes from tears; For your work shall be rewarded, says the LORD, And they shall come back from the land of the enemy. (NKJV)

John 1:45-46 ⁴⁵ ... "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote-- Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" ... (NKJV)

Psalms 22:6-8 ⁶ But I *am* a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people. ⁷ All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*, ⁸ "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" (NKJV)

Isaiah 53:3 ³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. (NKJV)

Mark Ross "Jesus was indeed a Nazarene ... for our sake. He came among us in lowliness and humility, to lead us in a new exodus, out of our bondage to sin and death, into the glorious liberty of the children of God ..."