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Good Friday: Why So Surprised

John 1:10-11 - *He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. ¹¹ He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.*

John 3:20 - *All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed.*

- 1) His Suffering.
- 2) The Mocking Crowd.
- 3) The Thieves On Each Side Of Him.

Jesus Is The Cornerstone Of The Mission Of God In This World

Psalm 27:10 - *"Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me."*

They Found His Teachings Too Hard

They Were Afraid To Lose Their "Lot Or Position" In Life

- 1) Betrayed By One Of His Closest Friends.
- 2) His Disciples Deserted Him And Fled For Their Lives.
- 3) Even Today, People Despise The Name Of Jesus.

In The Midst Of Rejection, Jesus Still Provides Salvation To Those Who Believe

Romans 5:8 - *"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

1 Peter 2:24 - *"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness."*

Hebrews 13:12-13 - *So also Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates to make his people holy by means of his own blood. ¹³ So let us go out to him, outside the camp, and bear the disgrace he bore.*