

Rejected by the
majority of cities (11:20)

Mocked for associating with
John the Baptist (11:7f)

Mocked for not being enough
like John the Baptist (11:19)

JESUS' RESPONSE

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Jesus said to him, “**I am the way**, and the truth,
and the life. No one comes to the Father except
through Me.” (John 14:6)

and asked him for letters to the synagogues at
Damascus, so that if he found any **belonging to
the Way**, men or women, he might bring them
bound to Jerusalem. (Acts 9:2)

He had been **instructed in the way of the Lord**.
And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught
accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he
knew only the baptism of John. (Acts 18:25)

About that time there arose **no little disturbance
concerning the Way**. (Acts 19:23)

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...to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of
Christ, and **to bring to light for everyone** what is the
plan of **the mystery hidden** for ages in God who
created all things... (Eph 3:8-9)

CHRIST'S KINGDOM CONSTANTLY DESCRIBED AS HIDDEN

Hidden treasure in a field – Matt 13:44

Hidden leaven – Matt 13:33

Hidden wisdom – 1 Cor 2:7

and my message and my preaching were not in
persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of
the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest
on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

(1 Cor 2:4-5)

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But we impart a secret and hidden
wisdom of God, which God
decreed before the ages for our
glory. **None of the rulers of this
age understood this**, for if they
had, they would not have crucified
the Lord of glory. But, as it is
written, “What no eye has seen, nor
ear heard, **nor the heart of man
imagined**, what God has prepared
for those who love Him—”
(1 Cor 2:7-9)

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Truly, I say to you, whoever does not **receive the kingdom of God like a child** shall not enter it.
(Mk 10:15)

Whoever **humbles himself like this child** is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (Matt 18:4)

Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us?” But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” (Jas 4:5-6)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; **it is the gift of God**, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Eph 2:8)

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“All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and **anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him**. Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and **YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.**” (Matt 11:27-29)