

## **SO SEND I YOU, INC. 2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL**

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**Saint John Baptist Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Topic: 2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL**

**Time: March 5, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Every day, until Mar 31, 2024**

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**DAY 18  
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024**

## **REJECTION**

**Dr. Donaldson Jones**

**John 1:11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.**

The heart-rupturing anguish of rejection sprung its sprouts in the early morning of Eternity. Brazenly lifted up in pride, Lucifer turned against the almighty, waging war in the sky seeking to hijack the hierarchy of the Godhead. Consequently, Lucifer along with a third of allegiant angels were cast out of Heaven. Only God knows the cumulative havoc this word rejection has wreaked in this world. The most egregious exhibit and damnable dispiriting display of rejection is the rejection of Lordship and Saviorhood of Christ. The rejection of Jesus Christ is the unpardonable sin that ushers the unrepentant unbeliever to an unending Hell. How bewildering to think that Jesus, the sinless savior, Grace, and Truth perfectly personified, could and would suffer rejection. And yet, we are alerted and astonished, "He came unto his own and his own received him not." Isaiah prophesied the plight of the promised Messiah in Isaiah 53:3, "He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain."

My mother Elizabeth Jones told me as a child, "No matter who you are good or bad, somebody will like you and someone else will dislike you. In childhood naivety, I mythically believed the more I became like Christ the more people would like me. NOT

SO! Christ was crucified not for any wrongdoing He had done, but for the wrongdoers of the world. Wrongdoers may crudely criticize, socially scandalize, and criminally crucify right-doers who have received and replicate the righteousness of Christ.

As recipients and replicators of the spiritual life and similitude of His death, we are a most Blessed people; we are heirs of an incorruptible inheritance. Life in the Lord over the years has taught me that oftentimes God uses man's rejection to intervene and insert His divine hand of redirection. The Savior declares "Bless are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matt 5:11-12)

**Prayer:**

**Father grant unto us the fortitude to face rejection and the faith to move forward in and by your Divine directions. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**