

“Following Jesus in a Cancel Culture”

Matthew 13:53-58

I. Jesus is Canceled at Nazareth

A. Jesus' Teaching in the Synagogue

B. Response to Teaching

Matthew 7:28

“When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.”

Luke 4:22

And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips

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“they were deeply offended and refused to believe in Him.” (NLT)

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E. Blessings Forfeited

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III. Following Jesus in a Cancel Culture

A. Understand our Mission

B. Need for Boldness and Courage

1 Thessalonians 2:1,2

For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain, but after we had already suffered and been mistreated in Philippi, as you know, we had the boldness in our God to speak to you the gospel of God amid much opposition.

It's not a good idea for a follower of Christ to send double signals to his world either.

Compromise increases stress over the long haul.

The deception, the half-heartedness tears us apart. When people aren't sure of our stand, they keep pushing. - Ron Hutchcraft

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Mark 8:38

For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

2 Timothy 1:8

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God

“The chief danger of the Church today is that it is trying to get on the same side as the world, instead of turning the world upside down. Our Master expects us to accomplish results, even if they bring opposition and conflict. Anything is better than compromise, apathy, and paralysis. God, give to us an intense cry for the old-time power of the Gospel and the Holy Ghost!”

- A.B. Simpson

