



## **THE VISITOR** **“Visitor’s Reception” John 1:10-13**

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We have learned how to send people to the moon—and get them back again. But we have not succeeded in solving many of the pressing problems on earth. Many despair that we ever will. So the news that God visited our planet to put matters right is exciting. Or is it?

### **I. When the Word Visited the World.**

- A. “He was in the world.”
  - 1. World—Gk. “Kosmos”—universe, the ultimate “ornament.”
  - 2. World—the place in the universe where mankind lives. 16:33
  - 3. World—mankind that “dominates” the world. 12:19
  - 4. World—hostile attitude common to mankind. 7:7; 15; 18
  - 5. World—environment governed by evil “prince.” 12:31; 16:11
- B. “The world was made through Him.”
  - 1. A pristine environment—fundamentally “Good.” Genesis 1:1
  - 2. The shattering of “Shalom”—not the way things ought to be.
- C. “The world did not recognize Him.”
  - 1. Did not “know” Him intimately.
  - 2. Did not recognize His true worth.

### **II. Review of His Rejection and Reception.**

- A. The rejection of the Word.
  - 1. He came to His own home. See 19; 17
  - 2. His own “home folks” did not welcome Him. See Matthew 1:20, 24
    - a. He wasn't the kind of Messiah they wanted.
    - b. He presented a brand of spirituality they resented.
- B. The reception of the Word.
  - 1. There were those who “received” Him.
  - 2. To “receive” involved “believ(ing) in His name.”
    - a. His name speaks of the totality of His being.
    - b. Believing includes assenting to, committing to, trusting in.
  - 3. To “believers” He “gave the right to become children of God.”
    - a. This “new birth” was not hereditary, or human.
    - b. This “new birth” comes from being “born of God.” See 3:6

**Point to Ponder:** Who has the “right” to claim to be a child of God?