

"Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own Blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Hebrews 13:12-14 KJV



Our Lord was crucified by the religious rulers of His day, so I guess He wasn't in their camp! "He was despised and rejected" by His own people! We need to "go forth unto Him without the gate." Jesus was hated, because He kept the Law perfectly, making the best efforts of vain religious leaders look ludicrous by comparison! They had spies, ready to catch the slightest thing, to take His Words out of context to smear Him, but they forgot with whom they were dealing. "Some of them said, 'He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils.' And others, tempting Him, sought of Him a sign from heaven. But He, KNOWING THEIR THOUGHTS, said unto them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth." They gave up trying to catch Him secretly so they sent theologians after Him. "Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle Him in His talk...but Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, 'Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?'" They finally resorted to kidnapping and accusing Him with false witnesses. "Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, and said, 'This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days." They used perceived blasphemy to carry out their murderous plans! How often does the interpretation of Truth by a popular leader go unchallenged, because people fear being "without the camp," but that's where Jesus is! Jesus IS the Truth! "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." There's freedom "without the camp" from "traditions of men" and "winds of doctrine!" There is only Truth, Himself. "And ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall MAKE YOU FREE." You need only the Holy Spirit and God's Written Word to know Truth, but you may have to go "without the camp" and endure false accusations. When your best efforts are mocked, see who's walking beside you. Jesus knows exactly what you're going through! "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." You're never on your own with God!

Without the camp is desert ground,
There's none to see you falling down,
But there you'll find sweet solace's KING,
And He will be your ev'rything! ~CGP

What you lose by going "unto [Christ] without the camp" will but the dust on the gold you find! You cannot journey to another City lest you leave the gates behind!

"Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets." Luke 6:22-23 KJV