

Jesus and His Disciples . . . Provocateurs!

John 8:12-20

Provocateur - a person who provokes trouble, causes dissension, or the like, agitator

Stages of Rejection Leading to Persecution

_____ to the Targeted Group's Compliance with Society – "Your testimony is not valid." Vs. 13

_____ the Targeted Group's Worth in Society – "Where is your Father?" "We weren't born of sexual immorality." Vs. 19,41

_____ the Aggressors' Own Shortcomings – "We...have never been enslaved to anyone." Vs. 33

_____ the Targeted Group's Role in Society – "Aren't we right in saying that you're a Samaritan and have a demon?" Vs. 48

_____ the Targeted Group's Words and Works – "Who do you claim to be?" Vs. 53

_____ the Targeted Group – "They picked up stones to throw at Him." Vs. 59

Jesus makes His second great "_____" claim as the Light of the World.

In the midst of a dark and sin-oppressed world and with humanity under a curse and coming judgment, Jesus came to earth to establish salvation, offer eternal life, and shine light on _____.

When Jesus said, "Anyone who follows Me . . ." in verse 12, He meant whoever believes and obeys Him (5:14; 8:10-11; 10:4-5, 27; 12:26; 21:19-20,22). Jesus was speaking of salvation. A believer will not _____ in darkness.

Jewish law established that a matter could only be verified by the testimony of two or more witnesses. No man could give witness for himself. Numbers 35:30; Vs. 13

Jesus offered the Pharisees two witnesses in keeping with the Scriptures. His two witnesses were His own testimony and that of His Father who sent Him (vs. 18). Jesus declares that their problem is that they neither _____ Him nor His Father (Vs. 19).

The Apostle John continues to emphasize in verse 20 that though Jesus was surrounded by powerful and dangerous people, He was not actually in danger because no one could act against Him outside of God's _____ or _____.