

# Christ's Very Own - Part 1

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*Christ's first advent and poverty demonstrate his love and sacrifice for humanity, yet his own nation rejected him, highlighting the shame of sin and the delusion of the sinful soul.*

**Duration:** 8:28

**Scripture:** Matthew 28:19, John 1:11, Romans 5:8

**Topics:** "Church Growth", "Receiving Christ"

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## Description

This sermon reflects on the journey of a church from humble beginnings to a flourishing community, emphasizing God's mysterious ways and the growth of faith despite challenges. It also highlights the importance of outreach and witnessing, sharing stories of individuals coming to Christ through open-air services. The message delves into the rejection of Jesus by his own nation, showcasing the consequences of sin, rebellion, and ingratitude, urging listeners to recognize and receive Christ in their lives.

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## Transcript

It gives me great pleasure to call upon our moderator to bring to us the word of the Lord, Dr. Faisal. I'd like to say how happy I am to be with you on this special historic occasion. I have pleasant memories of this church.

I remember when we had our first mission here and we had a tent, and the tent didn't keep out the rain, the rain went in through the tent. People sat with their umbrellas up in the tent, and all I could see was dark umbrellas, and I had to preach through the umbrellas to reach the hearts of the people. But God moved in a mysterious way.

Then, of course, we went into the tin church, and the tin church was a church always enlarging because when they needed more space, they just put on a few more sides of tin, and the next time you came, the church was growing, and then it grew and grew and grew, and the Lord was with us. And here we have this beautiful building now, the asylum buildings that have been built, and the outreach. I was glad to hear of that outreach going on here, there, and yonder, and people seeking for souls.

We have a gospel open air service at the City Hall every Friday, and last Friday, there was a lady who came down to come to Christ, and she had to wait for almost an hour for the start of the service, and immediately it started, she approached one of the workers and said, I've come down to come to Christ,

and she got gloriously sealed by the grace of God. Some time ago, a young Roman Catholic lad who came out with his friends to cheer at us, but he jeered a while, and then God touched his heart, and at the end of that open air, I had the joy of pointing him to Jesus Christ. So do pray for us in the center of the city every Friday.

Lift your heart to God, that God will bless the preaching of the gospel. God does bless the preaching of the gospel. We had a soul who came through for Christ this morning, when my son was preaching for us in the martyrs, and the previous Sunday, we had two souls who came through for the Lord.

And we're looking for signs following the preaching of the gospel. Let's stand to our feet for a word of prayer. I take the promised Holy Ghost, the blessed power of Pentecost, to fill me to the uttermost.

I take, thank God, the undertakes for me, and the people of God said, Amen. That's a pure Amen. The people of God said, Amen.

You may be seated. The Holy Scriptures teach us that our blessed Lord was rich, but by his first advent, born into this world, he became poor. It is therefore essential for us, in our study of the New Testament, to find the things that the Lord Jesus Christ still claimed as his very own.

A law he had left, the glories of the Father's house, and the wonders of the kingdom that is above. He specially marked out, when he was upon this earth, things that he called his own. I have counted in the New Testament 24 things which Christ especially mentioned when he was on earth as his very own.

You get one of them in John's Gospel, chapter 1, which our brother read for us. Verse 11, he came unto his own, and his own received him not. This is in reference to his own nation.

He came unto his own nation as the king of the Jews, but his own nation received him not. The nation which was his very own, by the divine decree of God's election and foreordination, they rejected their king. They received him not.

What shame is this? The shame of sin, vile rebellion, and disinheritance. Christ left all heaven to come for them, but they would not leave the least thing on earth for him. How terrible is the delusion of sin, and how awful is the ingratitude of the sinful soul.

The hymn writer wrote the words, corruptions like vapors shall rise, like love and delight shall be gone, the sun shall be dark in the clouds, as hell and its legions come on. And we can see hell and the legions of hell marching on today in this sinful world. Oh, the hardness of hearts produced by the wickedness and rebellion against the king of kings.

This charge was written by the Holy Spirit here in the first chapter of John. He came unto his own, his own nation, but they received him not. God so loved the world, but the world by wisdom knew not God its creator.

I lay this charge this night solemnly against this world, as it was laid against Israel when Jesus came to it. Christ does come unto his own, and his own receive him not. You turn over the leaves of the Holy Word of God, and you will see the acts of love that God made to redeem the race of fallen men.

He made choice of Abraham to be the patriarch of the people of God. Abraham was...

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