Why Many Become Disappointed in Jesus

John 6:15, 26, 66

Introduction:
A. Jesus became a disappointment to many during his personal ministry.
   1. To those looking for a political leader. (John 6:15; 18:36).
   2. To those looking for a meal ticket. (John 6:26, 66).
B. Jesus becomes a disappointment to anyone who seeks Him for the wrong reasons.

Discussion:
I. He Disappoints Any Who Look To Him As A Personal Pawn. (Cf. John 12:5,6; Jas. 4:3).
   A. To many Christ and church means of their business advancement (cf. 2 Pet. 2:3 KJV, ASV)
   B. To many Christ and church means of their social advancement and enjoyment.
      1. Expect constant social attention.
      2. View it much like a club or fraternity.
   C. To many Christ and church is merely "good insurance".
      1. Do not really want it.
      2. But want it near just in case it is needed.

   A. Jesus does not promise that we will be treated fairly in this world. (cf. 1 Cor. 6:7,8).
      2. Warned that we will have poverty always. (John 12:8).
   B. Jesus teaches us to look deeper and beyond present inequities. (Phil. 1:12-20).

III. He Disappoints Any Who Look To Him For Unrestricted Fellowship. (Matt. 7:13,14).
   A. The Lord's way is not broad enough to embrace all doctrines. (2 John 9; 1 Tim. 1:3; Rom. 16:17,18).
   B. The Lord's way is broad enough to embrace all in every nation that obeys. (cf. Acts 10:34,35).

IV. He Disappoints Any Who Look To Him For An Earthly Utopia.
   A. Jesus does not promise to solve all his followers earthly problems. (John 16:33; Acts 14:22).
      1. Do not expect a temptation-free life. (1 Cor. 10:13).
      2. Do not expect a problem-church in this world. (1 Cor. 11:19).
      3. Do expect persecution for His sake. (Matt. 5:10-12; 2 Tim. 3:12).
   B. Jesus does promise support during these troubles.
      1. He did not remove Paul's "thorn", but gave grace to bear it. (1 Cor. 12:7-9).
      2. He did remove Jesus' death, did send strength. (Heb. 5:7; Luke 22:42,43).
      3. He will not remove trouble, but will go with you through it. (Rom. 8:35-39).

Conclusion:
A. Jesus will disappoint you if you try to come to him on your terms.
B. Jesus will not disappoint you if you unconditionally surrender. (cf. Lk. 11:28; John 13:17; Lk. 22:42,43).
C. Jesus will not disappoint those who trust in what he has promised.
   1. If you obey gospel you will be forgiven as he promised.
   2. If you are faithful you will receive crown of life as promised.
   3. If you seek first kingdom of God you will receive a living as promised.
   4. If you walk in the light you will be cleansed of sin as promised. - Note: those walking in light confess their sins. (1 John 1:7,9).