



## *Oh, we got Him!*

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**MATTHEW 5:11-12 NKJV – (11)** “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. **(12)** Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

We got Him! Yes, that's what they said. Men who hated truth! Did you know that there are thirty-three instances of accusations and criticisms brought against Christ found in the gospel records? Nineteen are found in Matthew, sixteen of which are found also in Mark or Luke. Six are found only in Luke and eight are found only in John. Allegations of this nature proceed from souls that are ignorant, wicked - or both. Here we analyze representations of accusations leveled against the Son of God.

**Matt.4:1-10 (Mk.1:12,13; Lk.4:1-12)** Challenged (tempted) to prove He was God's son; **Matt.8:34 (Mk.5:17; Lk.8:37)** Asked to leave this area; **Matt.9:2,3 (Mk.2:7; Lk.5:21)** Accused of falsely claiming to forgive sins; **Matt.9:11 (Mk.2:16; Lk.5:21)** Accused of eating with publicans and sinners; **Matt.9:24 (Mk.5:40; Lk.8:53)** Laughed to scorn by some who doubted His miracle; **Matt.12:2 (Mk.2:24; Lk.6:2)** Accused of laboring on the Sabbath; **Matt.12:10 (Mk.3:2,6; Lk.6:7)** Accused of healing on the Sabbath; **Matt.12:24 (Mk.3:22; Lk.11:15)** Accused of working by the power of Beelzebub; **Matt.12:38 (Lk.11:16)** Challenged to show a sign; **Matt.15:1-2 (Mk.7:1-5; Lk.11:38,53,54)** Accused of breaking a Jewish tradition; **Matt.16:1 (Mk.8:11)** Challenged to show a sign; **Matt.19:3 (Mk.10:2)** Challenged on the question of divorce; **Matt.21:23 (Mk.11:18,27,28; Lk.20:2)** His authority challenged; **Matt.22:15 (Mk.12:13; Lk.20:19)** Challenged on the question of paying taxes; **Matt.22:23 (Mk.12:18; Lk.20:27)** Challenged on the resurrection of the dead. **Matt.22:34** Challenged on which is the greatest commandment; **Matt.26:60, 61** Accused of falsely claiming to be a prophet; **Matt.26:63-65** Accused of falsely claiming to be God's son; **Matt.27:39-44 (Mk.15:29-32; Lk.23:35-37)** Challenged to save Himself from death.

**Luke 7:39** Accused of being a false prophet; **Luke 10:25, 29** Challenged about what it takes to inherit eternal life; **Luke 13:14** Accused of healing on the Sabbath day; **Luke 15:1-2** Accused of eating with sinners; **Luke 16:14** Derided because of exposing the hypocrisy of the Pharisees; **Luke 19:7** Accused of being the guest of a publican.

**John 2:18-20** Challenged to prove his authority; **John 5:15-18** Accused of healing on the Sabbath and making Himself equal with God; **John 6:41-42** Challenged on being the bread of life; **John 8:3-9, 48** Challenged on what to do with an adulterous woman; **John 9:16,24** His healing power questioned because of breaking the Sabbath; **John 10:19-20,31-33** Accused of being demon possessed; **John 10:33** Accused of falsely claiming to be God; **John 19:7** Accused of falsely claiming to be God's son

The history of the Church glistens with the crowns of torture - men and women who have repeatedly made the ultimate sacrifice for their Lord. However, such persecutions are by no means an act of the past, for it can be very costly to follow Jesus even today. Currently, His disciples all around the world are suffering persecution in many parts of the world. Jesus encourages His disciples to see their current suffering as an honorable tradition. They are following in the prophets' footsteps and if they share the prophets' experience of persecution, they can expect to share their transcendent reward in Heaven.

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 PETER 2:23

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Stress makes you believe that everything has to happen right now.