

DEATH BY RELATIONSHIP

John 7:11-13

I. The Authorities are Looking for Jesus

John 5:16-18, 7:1

Luke 2:41-44

II. The People Secretly Debate

óchlos - the common people, as opposed to the rulers and leading men

agathós – good, generous, useful

Matthew 19:16-17

planáō - to go astray, to be led astray; (either physically, ethically, or spiritually)

III. Deadly Fear

Matthew 12:22-24

John 9:18-23

John 12:42-43

John 16:1-2

aposynágōgos - a state of having been excommunicated from membership in a synagogue

Matthew 27:15-25

Matthew 23:13, 15

Matthew 10:34-39

Closing Thought: Just like the people in Jesus' day, who would not put their faith in Him for fear of losing their comfortable life, so too are many today. Whether it be Muslims, Roman Catholics, or Antinomian Evangelical "Church" members, many people reject Jesus for fear of the rejection of their tribe. While the false leaders will face harsh judgment for their leadership, the end result is also the spiritual death of the people. Following Jesus will cost you worldly relationships; will you pay/have you paid that price?