

**Title: “The Difference Maker”**

**Text: John 1:10-14**

**Target:** Today, we bring our season of 21 days of prayer and fasting to a culminating moment of completion. We have asked God for blessings and breakthroughs in our life that would not only affect our lives, but the people around us. For our new friends to CBC today, you have been invited to this church not because we want to change you, but because we want you to know the person that changed us. Thank you for saying “Yes” to being here today!

**The question being asked from our Scriptural reading today is what makes Jesus so special to so many?**

**I. Unfortunate Rejection: (John 1:10-11)**

- a. **Didn’t Recognize Him:** *“the world did not know Him”* (Vs. 10)
- b. **Didn’t Receive Him:** *“His own people did not receive Him”* (Vs. 11)

**II. Unfailing Reception: (John 1:12)**

- a. **Acknowledge Him:** *“But to all who did receive Him”*
- b. **Accept Him:** *“who **believed** in His name”*
- c. **Adopted By Him:** *“He gave the **right** to become children of God”*

**III. Unfounded Remarks: (John 1:13)**

- a. **Can’t be Conceived:** *“**NOT** of Blood”*
- b. **Can’t be Achieved:** *“**NOR** of the will of the flesh”*
- c. **Can’t be Relieved:** *“**NOR** of the will of man”*

**IV. Unfair Reward: (John 1:13-14)**

- a. **Despite Us:** *“but of God”* (Vs. 13)
- b. **Came to Us:** *“dwelt among us”* (Vs. 14)
- c. **Pursued Us:** *“we have seen His glory”* (Vs. 14)
- d. **Save Us:** *“full of grace and truth”* (Vs. 14)

**Take Away:** For some of you there is a decision that is ready to be made today to follow Jesus; for others this is not a decision your ready to make but ongoing

discussion to have and we are grateful for both responses. Thank you for the opportunity you have given us to share about the person who changed our lives.