



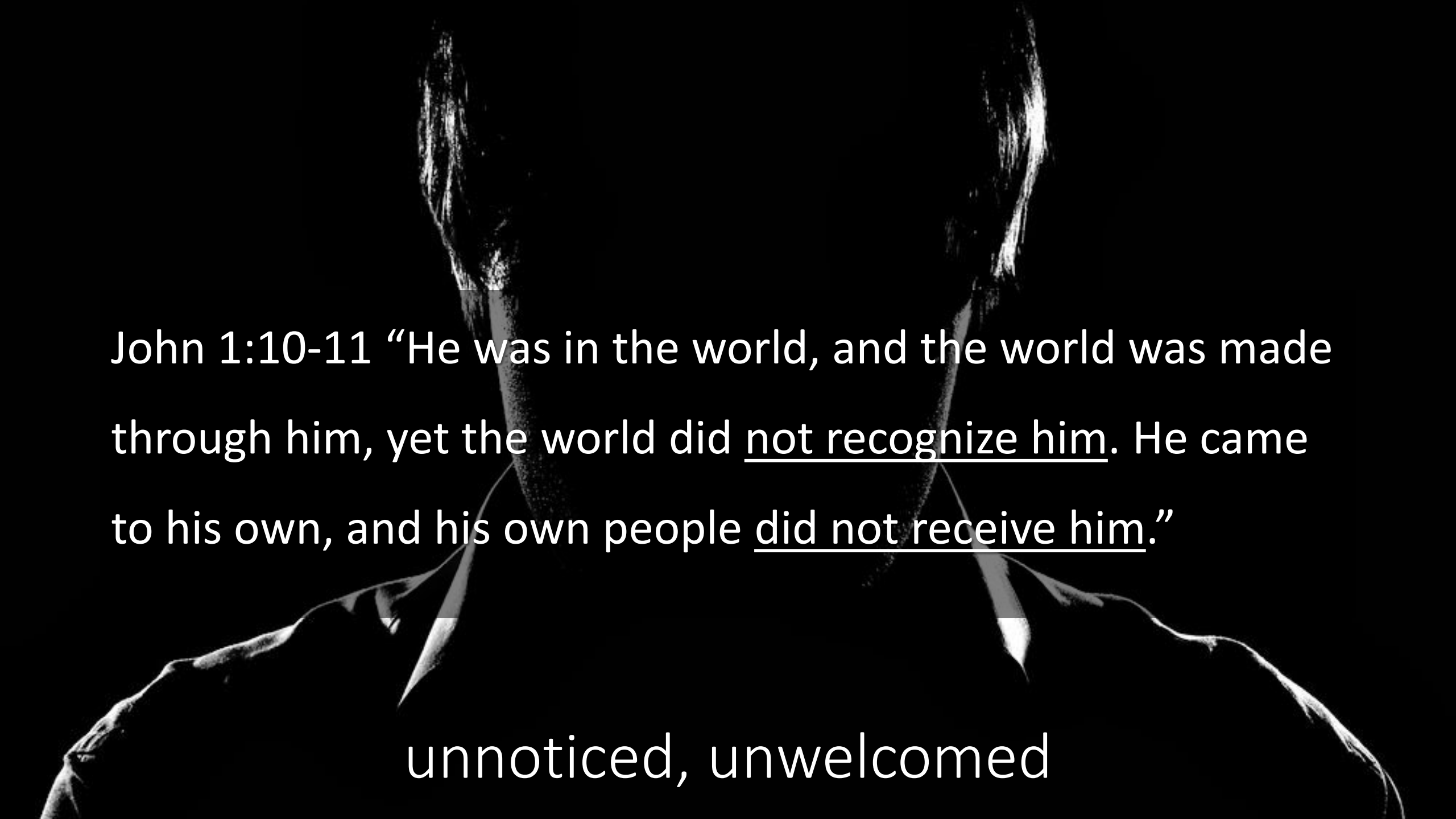
unnoticed

how God remained undiscovered for 30 years

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Joshua Bell, Washington DC station, 2007



John 1:10-11 “He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not recognize him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.”

unnoticed, unwelcomed



what type of God goes unnoticed?

John 14:7

If you had known me, you would have known my Father also.
From now on you do know him and have seen him.

how could God go unnoticed for 30 years?

1: God is holy, other

God was so surprisingly like us, and therefore “un-God-like”

- “born”, “grew”, “learned” (Luke 2:7,40,52).
- “thirsty” (John 19:28), “hungry”(Mat 4:2), “tired” (John 4:6).
- “weak”, “bled” and “died” (Luke 23:26, 46)
- “rejoiced” (Luk 10:21), “loud cries & tears” (Heb 5:7).
- “wept”, “deeply moved”, “troubled” (Jn 11:33, 35; 12:27)
- “had compassion” (Mat 9:32), “marveled” (Mat 8:10).

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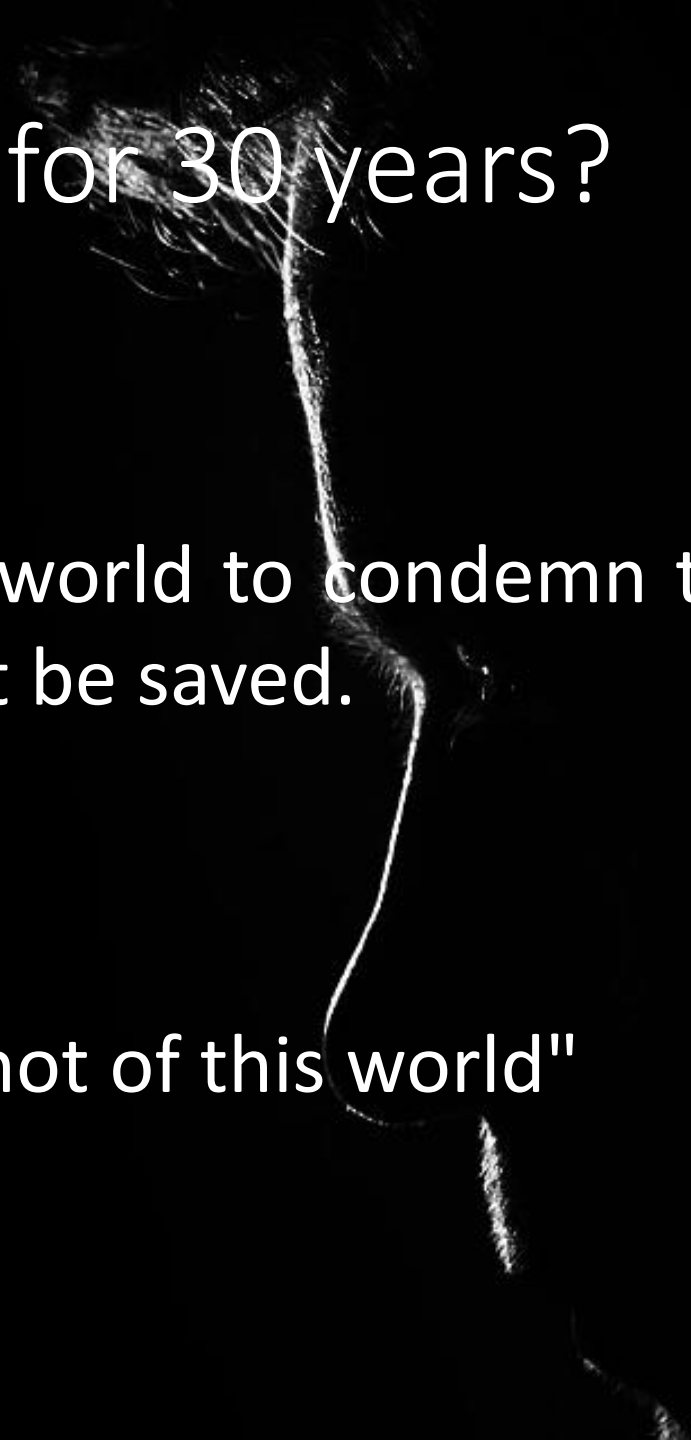
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John 3:17

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved.

John 18:36

Jesus answered Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world"





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2: God is humble, other-regarding

- Unknown to man (e.g. arrest)
- Revealed only by God (e.g. transfiguration)
- Messianic secret (silenced demons, healed, disciples, hid)

Mark 10:45

"the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many."

unnoticed God, unnoticed disciples

our invitation

Matthew 23:11-12

The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Our significance is

- not in worldly greatness (platforms, publicity, praise)
- but in goodness | godliness | God-in-us

