

John 18 • Non-Believers' Reaction to Christ

1. (v.1-6) When confronted by the **call** of Christ, non-believers are **repulsed** and **fall away** from Him; believers are **humbled, fall toward** Him, and **worship** Him.
2. (v.19-24) Non-believers are incapable of passively ignoring His **Word** and feel compelled to actively silence the **message**; in their rejection of His **Word** they become His enemy.
3. (v.28-32) Non-believers will escalate their efforts to **silence** Christ's Word to the point of physical **persecution** and **death** in order to **silence** the messenger.
4. (v.33-38a) If they can't silence the message, nor silence the messenger, non-believers attempt to **redefine** it into something **trivial** and **unsupportable**.
5. (v.38b-40) Non-believers work through various stages of deeper and deeper **rejection** of Christ, seeking to silence His Word both **publicly** and **personally**. They replace Him altogether with **something** or **someone** else.