

# Getting a world that does not get it or Thinking about today's Baals

Matthew 5:11; John 15:18-19; 17:14-15; 1 Peter 2:12; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5;  
Matthew 10:32

## 1. "... when they speak against you as evildoers"

Examples:

- | <u>Bible teaching</u> | <u>Offensive because ...</u> |
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A new problem — but not really

## 2. What should we do about this?

Avoid the problem?

Revise the problem away?

Ignore the problem?

## 3. Getting a world that doesn't get it

With the King	Without the King
<b>1. The value and dignity of human life</b>	
God's gift — love – thankfulness – responsibility – contentment	Rights
Image of God	Equality
<b>2. What's wrong?</b>	
Sin and selfishness —> individual responsibility	Rights denied and inequality —> group 'identity'
<b>3. Solution</b>	
Freedom from ...	Freedom from ...
<b>4. Goal</b>	
Love	Power

### Some relevant reading

Tom Holland, *Dominion: The Making of the Western Mind* (London: Little, Brown, 2019)

Douglas Murray, *The Madness of Crowds: Gender, Race and Identity* (London: Bloomsbury Continuum, 2019)

Larry Siedentop, *Inventing the Individual: The Origins of Western Liberalism* (Penguin Random House, 2014)

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