**The Jews and Their Resistance to the Messiah**

The Jews, including followers of Jesus, resisted accepting Jesus as Messiah for various reasons. The Scriptures show us how they responded and why:

* Testing – The constant demand for a sign (Matt 12:38; 16)
* Professing Allegiance to Abraham - (John 8:38-39)
* Lack of Understanding – ( John 9)

The Sanhedrin were accustomed to power and influence. It is reasonable to believe that they felt threatened for several reasons:

* Their followers were being redirected
* Economic support for the temple was in danger
* Their very power was in question

There were some who attempted to understand Jesus and who defended him:

* Nicodemus (John 3 & 7:50)
* Others (John 10:42)