

**Turn it Around**

**A gentle answer** turns away wrath,  
but a harsh word stirs up anger.

**Proverbs 15:1**

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# 1. The People turned on Jesus

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things **and be rejected** by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

**Mark 8:31**

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Rejected'!

All of us have sensed 'rejection' in  
some way or other

2. Jesus turned *it around* by love

Meanwhile, **Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples.** He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

**Acts 9:1–2**

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He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "*I am Jesus*, whom you are persecuting," he replied.

**Acts 9:4–5**

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They only heard the report: “*The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith*” he once tried to destroy.” And they praised God because of me.

**Galatians 1:23–24**

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