
DETRACT

(To take away from, diminish)

NAME-CALLING

Jesus

“Wine bibber,” “friend of sinners.”

Matthew 11:19, Luke 7:34

CULTURAL BIAS

Apostles

“Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”

Acts 2:7

GEOGRAPHICAL STIGMA

Nazareth

“Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?”

John 1:46

APPEARANCE

Paul, the Apostle

For they say, “His letters are weighty and strong, but his personal presence is unimpressive and his speech contemptible.”

2 Corinthians 10:10

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

Name calling is used to detract today. Christians are called “fanatics,” “Jesus freaks,” “Victorian,” and “old-fashioned.” They are labeled “legalists,” “anti’s,” “Bible-thumpers,” and “pattern-bound.”

Name-calling tells more about those who call names than the ones who are the subjects of such abuse.

Quotations from NASB
