

PREPARING FOR THE WORST

John 15:18-16:4

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INTRODUCTION: A WORLD WITHOUT JESUS

As Jesus walks with His disciples, He is preparing them for life without Him.

? What sort of opposition would the followers of Jesus face upon His departure?

I. EXPECT TO BE HATED BY THE WORLD, VV. 18, 19

? Why would people who are characterized by love and kindness be hated?

A. BECAUSE IT HATED JESUS

John 1:10, 11

? Hate? Really? What about all the people who say they love Jesus?

Colossians 1:21 describes unbelievers as “hostile in mind.”

B. BECAUSE WE ARE NOT OF THIS WORLD

1 Peter 2:9-11

Philippians 3:21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

If we were of the world the world would love us.

Love

warm affection because we have a lot in common, a reciprocal love

**II. EXPECT TO BE PERSECUTED BY THE WORLD, VV.
20-27**

A. A SLAVE IS NOT GREATER THAN HIS MASTER, V. 20

1. If They Persecuted Me...

2 Timothy 3:12

2. If They Listened To My Word...

John 1:10-13

B. THEY DON'T KNOW GOD, V. 21

? Why will they persecute us?

1. They Are Accountable To God

a. They heard my words

b. They saw my works

2. Ignorant People Don't Get A Pass

Psalm 69:4

Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; Those who would destroy me are powerful, being wrongfully my enemies; What I did not steal, I then have to restore.

C. TESTIMONY

1. The Holy Spirit Will Testify

2. You Will Testify

Our job as Christians is to warn people of the consequences of sin.

John MacArthur

We are the conscience of the world. By our lives, we rebuke them. With our message they are condemned.

Proverbs 29:27

An unjust man is abominable to the righteous,
And he who is upright in the way is abominable to the wicked.

1 Peter 4:4

In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you;

1 Corinthians 1:18-23

III. EXPECT TO BE HATED AND PERSECUTED BY THE GODLY, 16:1-4

A. YOU WILL BE KICKED OUT OF SYNAGOGUES

? Who goes to synagogue?

B. THEY WILL WORSHIP GOD BY KILLING YOU

CONCLUSION: THE VALUE OF FOREWARNING

1. To Keep from stumbling, v. 1

2. To Remember, v. 4

APPLICATION:

Be Faithful

Be Encouraged