

The Gospel of Matthew #87

PERSECUTION, PROGRESS, AND PAROUSIA

Matthew 10:16-25

I. Persecution

Begin v16, end v25

A. Religious: v17.

Cf. Acts 5:40; ch 7 (Stephen);

Paul 5x (II Cor 11:24)

JESUS: ch 12

B. State: v18

Paul prisoner of Rome:

Felix, Festus (Acts 24-25)

C. Family: v21

Cf. v34-36

Jesus experienced: 12:46-47 (cf. Mark 3:21)

General disrespect and slander: v24-5

II. Progress

A. The Spirit will speak thru martyrs on trial:

v19-20

NT egs: Acts 4:7-14; 5:27-32; 24:10-21;

26:1-29

Egs: Stephen, Martin Luther, Hugh Latimer

B. The one who stands firm to the end will be

saved: v22

C. The Gospel will spread thru fleeing

persecution: v23a

Cf. Acts 8:1; Pilgrims and Puritans

III. Parousia (Coming/Presence)

10:23b: before you finish..., the Son of Man will
come...

To what does this promise refer?!

Possibilities:

3 main possibilities:

Resurrection – 70 AD – Parousia/Return

Cf. Daniel 7:13 in context of persecution (cf. 7:7, 21-22, 25, but 26-27!) Jesus Who instructs and sends will gain His Kingdom thru violent persecution against Him (12:14). This leads to His sacrificial death that overthrows Satan's dominion forever!

So most likely meaning (cf Matt 24):

A. _____ : 70 AD

You will not finish evangelizing Judea before
Coming in Judgment upon Jerusalem

B. _____ : Return at End of History

You will still be engaged in witness when I
come again to rescue and to Judge

So expect _____ and _____
til end. Read the last chapter!

As you are faithful, remember His fellowship (v24-5),
the partnership of the Holy Spirit (v19-20), and
salvation ahead (v22), when Jesus comes in
triumph (v23)!

How is He encouraging you to greater faithfulness?