

Gospel of John
[Jesus' Prediction of Opposition (Part 3) (John 16:1-4)]

The Relation of the Disciples to the World

- Jesus' Prediction of Opposition: the world is going to hate and persecute the disciples (15:18, 20a).
- The world will hate and persecute Jesus' disciples because it hates Jesus (15:18, 20a).
- The world will hate and persecute Jesus and the disciples because it doesn't know the Father (15:21).
- Some of those who oppose will believe (15:20b).
- The world's rejection of Jesus is a culpable offense (15:22-24).
- The world's rejection of Jesus is part of God's plan (15:25).
- Jesus will send the HS to help the disciples (15:26, 27).

I. The Dual Description of the Opposition (16:2)

II. The Underlying Cause of the Opposition (16:3)

III. The Necessary Preparation for the Opposition (16:1, 4a)

Practical Lessons

- 1) Jesus' prediction of opposition has come true.
- 2) Begin now to prepare for opposition.
- 3) Do not assume you will be exempt from opposition.