

# The Gospel of John

## The Passion of Christ John 12-21



John 15:18-25

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### THE WORLD WILL HATE YOU

#### Introduction:

#### I. THE REASON FOR THAT HATRED (15:18-19)

##### A. Because of Your Identity with Christ (vs. 18)

“If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you.”

“They demonstrate their forbearance and large-hearted goodness when they confront diverse opinions, varied lifestyles and even idiotic practices. But if some Christian claims that Christianity is exclusive (as Jesus insisted), or that moral absolutes exist because they are grounded in the character of God (as the Bible teaches), or that there is a hell to be shunned as well as a heaven to be gained, the most intemperate language is used to excoriate the poor fool. The world hates.”

D.A. Carson  
*The Farewell Discourse and Final Prayer of Jesus*  
(p. 116-117)

##### B. Because of Their Intolerance of Christians (vs. 19)

“If you were of the world, the world would love its own...”

“...but because you are not of the world...”

“I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you” (Matthew 5:11-12)

#### II. THE RESULTS OF THAT HATRED (15:20-21)

##### A. Persecution of Believers (vs. 20)

“Remember the word that I said to you...” (c.f. 13:16)

“A slave is not greater than his master.”

“if they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you”

“if they kept My word, they will keep yours also”

##### B. No Perception of Truth (vs. 21)

“but all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake”

“because they do not know the One who sent Me”

### III. THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THEIR HATRED (15:22-25)

#### A. Culpability (vs. 22-23)

“If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin...”

Romans 1:18-20

“but now they have no excuse for their sin”

John 3:19-20

“He who hates Me hates My Father also.”

#### B. Condemnation (vs. 24-25)

“If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin...”

“but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well.”

“But they have done this to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, ‘THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.’”  
(Psalm 69:4)

#### Conclusion:

- 1) The world hated Jesus first.
- 2) The world’s hatred proves you are not of the world.
- 3) You share your Master’s lot.
- 4) You are suffering with Him and like Him, but also **for** Him.