



How Would God's Enemies Treat Him If They Could Do Anything To Him?

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Luke 22:63-71

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Luke 22:63-71 (NIV)

63 The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him.

64 They blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophecy! Who hit you?"

65 And they said many other insulting things to him.

66 At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them.

67 "If you are the Messiah," they said, "tell us." Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me,

68 and if I asked you, you would not answer.

69 But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."

70 They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied, "You say that I am."

71 Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."

Surrendering to _____ gives them power to treat you any way they want.

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God was _____ when he surrendered to his enemies.

He was _____ and _____ by his guards (vv. 63-65).

His _____ was questioned and _____ by the religious authorities (vv. 66-71).

John 15:22-25: “If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 Whoever hates me hates my Father as well. 24 If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. 25 But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: “They hated me without reason.”

Big Idea: Because we’re God’s enemies, we need his _____ to believe him instead of mistreating him.

_____ come into this world as the enemies of God.

Colossians 1:21: “Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.”

We are _____ to receive God in Christ without his grace.

1 Corinthians 2:14: “The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.”

Only when God enlightens us through the gospel do we _____
 from God's enemies to believers in him.

Colossians 1:22: "But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel..."

So expect _____ from God's enemies but _____
 for God's mercy to save them.

John 15:18-21: "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you."

1 Timothy 1:13-16: "Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life."