

## ***“The World’s Hatred for Jesus and His True Disciples”***

**John 15:18-27**

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**Jesus prepares His disciples for what is ahead.**

### **1. The Hatred of the World Inevitable**

**vv. 18-20**

**(1) Because of Our Relationship to Jesus!** *“If the world hates you,  
you know that it hated Me before it hated you.”*

**(2) Because We are No longer of the World!** *“If you were of the world, 19  
the world would love its own.  
- Our “point of origin,” our identity has changed! Yet because you are not of the world,  
but I chose you out of the world,  
therefore the world hates you.”*

**- It is Jesus’ saving work that has brought about this radical change!**

He chose us out of the world!  
- cf. Jn. 18:36; Col. 1:13

**(3) Because Jesus has called us into His Service!** *“Remember the word that I said to you, 20  
‘A servant is not greater than his master.’”*

### **2. The Hatred of the World Revelatory and Damning**

**vv. 21-25**

**(1) Their rejection of Jesus *proof* that they do not know the one true God!**

*“But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake,  
because they do not know Him who sent Me.”*

**(2) Their rejection of Jesus renders them guilty to the greatest degree!** 22

- They still were guilty of sin. *“If I had not come and spoken to them,  
they would have no sin,  
- But now guilty of greatest sin! but now they have no excuse for their sin.”*

**(3) Their rejection and hatred of Jesus is equal to rejection and hatred of the Father!**

**-1- To reject the Son is to reject the Father** *“He who hates Me hates My Father also.” 23*

**-2- A hardening in sin! To see Him is to see the Father!** 24

- cf. 14:9  
- The greatest possible light given in Jesus  
- To see Him is to see the Father!

**-3- The prophetic Scriptures fulfilled: A Divine Indictment!** 25

### **3. The Hatred of the World Overcome**

**vv. 26-27**

**(1) A Divinely Powerful Testimony!** *“But when the Helper comes,  
whom I shall send to you from the Father,  
the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father,  
He will testify of Me.”*

**- The Holy Spirit**

- “the Spirit of truth”  
- “The great ‘Counterweight’ that will vindicate Jesus against the world.”

**(2) The Apostolic Testimony  
Empowered by the Spirit!** *“And you will also bear witness,  
because you have been with Me from the beginning.”*

**- Their unique qualification** cf. 1 Jn. 1:1-3

**- Their preaching**

**Further Application:**