

CCC Message Notes

"The World's Hatred / The Spirit's Help" - John 15:18-27

Just Before He's Arrested Jesus Speaks His Final Words to His First Followers

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THEME / (The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

To love Jesus is to be hated by the world. Thankfully, the Spirit empowers our witness.

APPLICATION / (What to Do with What You Hear)

Don't be surprised or afraid when hatred comes our way.
Keep witnessing & testifying to the reality & authority of Christ.

FOCUS / (The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

Have you ever been misunderstood, misrepresented or mistreated? If so, you're in really good company :) ... seriously, in fact, you're in the universe's best company!

As hard as it may seem to believe, when all the evidence is presented & weighed concerning God's love & kindness, power & knowledge, grace & mercy, some will still decide to refuse, reject & hate Him. Some will still attempt to make excuse for their choices that are clearly not correct.

How could this possibly be? Who would do such a thing? Really start living God's way & you'll see. That's what this morning is all about.

Jesus Continues to Prepare His Disciples for His Death & Departure by Telling Them ...

1. HE was HATED & WE'LL be HATED TOO.

He was hated first. We will be hated as well. Count on it. Be prepared for it.

John 15:18

2. the WAYS they TREATED & RESPONDED to HIM PREDICT the WAYS they will TREAT & RESPOND to US.

Who the person is determines their treatment of & response to us.

John 15:19-20

3. PEOPLE'S SIN is without EXCUSE & the WORLD'S HATRED is without REASON.

In the final analysis, the world's hatred is because the people in it decide to hate.

John 15:21-25

4. the SPIRIT of TRUTH CALLS & COMPELS us to TESTIFY concerning the ONE WHO is TRUE.

The Advocate / Counselor / Companion God sends sends us to speak of Christ.

John 15:26-27

Making It Real Questions

- * How does knowing the One who loves purely & was hated passionately disturb you today?
- * When you see how people treated Jesus does it prepare you for how they'll treat you too?
 - * Are you convinced there are no excuses for sin & there is no reason to hate God?
 - * Will you welcome the Holy Spirit's presence & power to equip you to be a witness?

Action Step

Write a thoughtful & prayerful commitment to God concerning your decision to keep loving Him & people no matter what He allows & people may do.