



FINAL WORDS

THE GOSPEL
OF JOHN

When the World Hates

Expectations

John 15:18-27 (ESV)

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’

John 15:18-27 (ESV)

If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

John 15:18-27 (ESV)

23 Whoever hates me hates my Father also. **24** If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father.

25 But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated me without a cause.'

John 15:18-27 (ESV)

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What Should we do?

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2. Learn to think rightly about why we are persecuted
3. Continue to bear witness of Jesus Christ

John 15:26-27 (ESV)

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Although we will experience persecution from the world just like Jesus did, it is to the world we bear witness with the Holy Spirit.

***Persecuted-less:* Christians who
have not and are not
experiencing persecution.**

1 Peter 4:12-19 (NLT)

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

1 Peter 4:12-19 (NLT)

¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

1 Peter 4:12-19 (NLT)

¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

1 Peter 4:12-19 (NLT)

¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Unbelievers: Those who might
become persecutors

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