

Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ
Last Words: The World Hates You

Last time...“My love”, “My commandments”, “My joy”, “My friends”...a Greater Love
God’s love for His own and our love for one another

This time...the world’s hatred for God’s own

We are still in John 15

v18 the world hate you...hated Me before:
IF the world hate you/us?

v19b

The world

- sin-corrupted systems of Gov’t, Religion, commerce, justice
- Satan’s (god of this world) dominion over those systems
 - strongholds
 - every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God
 - principalities and powers
 - the rulers of the darkness of this world
 - spiritual wickedness in high places

does hate us who have renounced it in favor of the kingdom of the Living God,
which is not of this world (John 18:36)

The world hates Jesus’ disciples because it hates Jesus first/chiefly

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and
between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and
thou shalt bruise his heel.

Hostility exists between on spiritual and physical planes

Lies hate the Truth

Death hates Life

Darkness hates Light

Hatred vs Love

John 7:7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I
testify of it, that the works thereof are evil

Note: What “world”?

1. The one centered in Jerusalem (FoT)
2. The world at-large

v19 not of the world...out of the world...the world hates you:
If we belonged to the world, the world would love (*phileo*) us...
But, we are not “of” (belong to) the world,
we are “of” (belong to) God and are “out” of the world

John 1:12-13 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God

John 17:9-18 Lord’s prayer: those “in” but not “of” the world

Gal 1:3-4 Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father

2 Cor 4:1-10

We have received/believed/chosen Jesus
We have been chosen by the foreknowledge of the eternal, all-knowing God

By our choice and by God’s choice, our citizenship has been forever changed
(Phil 3:20)

1 John 5:19 *And* we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness

We are loved by the Almighty Creator God, Whom we love...Who first loved us
We are hated by the corrupted creation, from whom we turned...and we are witnesses of Jesus Christ to them (the “haters” who call us “haters” for standing against the lies they believe)

The world has always hated, and will always hate, the witnesses of God

1. Abel (Gen 4, Heb 11:4, 1 John 3:12)
2. Israel (Exodus, Numbers, Joshua)
3. The prophets (Heb 11:36-39, Mark 6:14-28, Matt 11:12)
4. Jesus Christ, Servant of God (John 3:11)
5. The man born blind (John 9) and Lazarus (John 12:10-11)
6. The Church/believers (new work, new people, same reception)
7. Israel (Rev 11, Rev 7 and 14)
8. Jesus Christ, King of kings (Rev 19)

v20 Remember...the servant is not greater:

Jesus reminds the 11 of something He had said

- earlier in His ministry...He and they are hated by the world
Matt 10:24-25 *The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?*
- earlier in the evening...He and they are loved by God
John 13:13-17

As such, the response by those of the world to the disciples will be as it was to Jesus Himself – either persecution or repentance/following

Persecution

2 Thes 1:4	we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure
2 Cor 11:21-26	persecutor turned persecuted: whipped, beaten, imprisoned, stoned, hunger, thirst, nakedness, perils at every turn, perils by Jews and Gentiles and false believers
2 Cor 12:10	infirmities, reproaches, distresses, persecutions for Christ's sake
2 Tim 3:11b-12	persecutions I endured: but out of <i>them</i> all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.
Rev 2:8-11	Church at Smyrna

Repentance/following/keep Jesus' words

People converted
Churches planted

In the immediate context, to whom in the world will these 11 be sent?

The Jews

“they” are the Jews...scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, High Priests
v25...“their law”, quoting Psalms

The Jews will

Either persecute the 11 as they did Jesus

John 5:16

Matt 23:34

behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and *some* of them ye shall kill and crucify; and *some* of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute *them* from city to city

Luke 21:12

But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute *you*, delivering *you* up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake

John 16:2

Saul of Tarsus, for example

Or repent and keep Jesus' sayings

Acts 2:40-41

Acts 4:1-4

Acts 6:7

In context, Jesus is connecting the Jews (Jewish leadership) and the world

The Jewish religious leaders are worldly, not Godly

John 8:23

Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world

Also, in the broader context, Jesus' chosen 12th Apostle (Paul) will be sent to the Jews and the Gentiles (Rom 1:16, Rom 11:13, 1 Tim 2:17, 2 Tim 1:11)

The Gentiles (Romans) also persecuted Jesus (Herod, Pilate) or obeyed

His sayings (centurion at Capernaum, woman of Sidon, centurion at the Cross, etc)

The Gentiles will also either persecute Jesus' disciples or repent/obey

God's new work in the Jews and Gentiles (whosoever will believe),

Acts 1:8 and Acts 10:34-36, was fueled by – persecution,

first by Jews (Acts 8:1), then also Gentiles/Rome (Acts 12:1-3)

v21 all these things...for My name's sake...not know Him:

All the rejection and the persecution the 11 disciples of Jesus face in this world, from the very beginning, picking up right where Jesus left off,

is because they, the Jews to whom these 11 would be sent, do not know the Father

- no relationship, only dead religion/traditions of men
- know about, but do not know
- do not know because do not believe what He has said and done

John 1:10-11

John 1:18

John 14:9

John 5:31-38

John 8:19, 37-42

problem: unbelief in the invisible Creator, God of AI&J
Father sent the Son to reveal the Living God to man
he that has seen Me has seen the Father
witnesses rejected: John, works, the Father

Rom 10:2-4

For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth

Gal 3:6-29

who are the heirs to the promise given to Abraham?

As v21 was true then, so it is now

1 John 3:1

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not

- no relationship, only dead religion/traditions of men
- know about, but do not know
- do not know because do not believe what He has said and done

v22 If I had not come and spoken:

To whom did the Father send His Son to speak His words?

- Personally: His own, Israel (Deut 18:18-19, Matt 15:24)
- His disciples/Body: The world (John 3:16, Acts 10:34-36)

The Word of God spoken to them revealed their sin

Rom 3:19-20 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin

Matt 5:17

The words of the Father spoken by the Son revealed their sin – unbelief

Sin is not hidden, but now made evident...for Jew and Gentile

v23 hates Me hates My Father also:
By His words, Jesus testified/witnessed of the Father (John 10:30)

To love Jesus is to love the Father that sent Him
To hate Jesus is to hate the Father that sent Him

1 John 2:22-23

1 John 5:9-13

2 John 9

v24 If I had not done:
By His works, Jesus testified/witnessed of the Father

John 5:19-21 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will*

Works no man had ever done!

- heal the man with an infirmity for 38 years at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5, the immediate reference above)
- heal the man born blind (John 9)
- raise Lazarus from the dead (John 11)
- Is 35:5-6...eyes of the blind opened, ears of the deaf unstopped, lame man leap as a deer, tongue of the dumb sing

Works by the Lord of the Sabbath witnessed by the Jews (often on the Sabbath) that made the Jews angry!

They hated Jesus, and therefore the Father, for the things He said and did

As the new work of God would be revealed (Acts 10:34-36), unbelieving Gentiles would share the sentiment of the Jews regarding Jesus Christ

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse

v25 fulfilled...their law, They hated Me without a cause:

This unbelief, hatred, rejection was not a surprise to the all-knowing God
He foretold it

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| Ps 35:19 | Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: <i>neither</i> let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause |
| Ps 69:4 | They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head |
| Ps 109:3 | They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause |

All psalms of David, inspired almost 1100 years prior to their fulfillment

Liars (John 8:44, Rom 3:4a) hate the Truth (John 14:6)

Jesus ascribes to the Psalms the same authority of the Law...
the very words of God

The oracles of God were given to...the Jews, "they" of v20-24

Jesus is forewarning the 11 of the difficulty of their impending calling to take the Gospel to the Jewish people, and then to the nations of the world
But, He promises to give them Help to fulfill their calling

v26 Comforter...I...Father...Spirit of Truth...testify of Me:

As in John 14:16-17, 26...the very words of God speak of His triune nature

1. Father
2. Son
3. Holy Spirit

The Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, is

- the promise of the Father
 - Acts 1:4
 - Luke 24:49
- the baptism of the Son
 - Acts 1:5
 - Matt 3:11
- the power of God to be witnesses for Jesus Christ
 - Acts 1:8
 - Acts 2:1-4 *ff*
- God, the indwelling Holy Spirit of Truth
 - John 16:17..."with" and "in"

behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high

The very words of God also speak of the Oneness of His Being
The Father sent the Son...
to testify/witness of Him
The Father sends the Holy Spirit (John 14:26)...
to testify/witness of the Son (John 15:26)
The Son sends the Holy Spirit (John 15:26)...
to testify/witness of Him, Who testifies/witnesses of the Father
(Rev 1:5, Rev 3:14)

And, for the doing of “greater works” by those who believe in Jesus
(John 14:12, Acts 1:1)...

v27 ye also shall bear witness:

The 11 and their fruit that remains will also witness/testify of Jesus...
by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit sent by Father and Son
to testify/witness of the Son

Acts 14:17a God left not Himself without a witness
(after Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father)

And, empowered by the Holy Spirit, they would follow Jesus and the world
would hate them as they hate Jesus

10 of the 11 would be persecuted unto death for their faith
The 11th would survive being boiled alive in a pot of oil only to be
banished to a desolate island (Patmos)
The 12th would be told by Jesus Personally all the things he must suffer for
Jesus’ name, and he too would be persecuted unto death for his
faith in Jesus Christ

The witness of Jesus Christ in the world today is the Church...
which is hated by the world as the world still hates Jesus Christ

Application

The Church

- New work (Is 43:19)
- New people (Rom 1:16, Rom 9:22-24, 1 Cor 10:32)
- Same calling (testify/witness of the Living God, 2 Cor 6:14-18)
- Same reception (the world hates the witnesses of the Living God)

We, ambassadors of Jesus Christ and witnesses of the Living God to the world,
stand against the world and with Jesus Christ

- the universe and everything in it were designed and created by God in 6 days...
not the result of chance and evolution over an ever-increasing billions of years
- homosexuality is a sin and an attack on “man”, the image of God...
not a civil right
- abortion is murder, the shedding of innocent and defenseless blood...
not a choice or a woman’s right
- all people are sinners and fall short of the glory of God
- the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our
Lord (He is the Lord of all!)
- Jesus Christ is The Way, The Truth, and The Life; no man comes to the Father but by
Him
- the just shall live by faith, not by works

False brethren/believers stand with the world on some or all of those things

We, ambassadors of Jesus Christ and witnesses of the Living God to the world,
can expect to be treated like all previous witnesses of God – persecuted or believed
To think otherwise is naïve.

Therefore,

1. Don’t be surprised

The world “loves” its own – *phileo*...brotherly love
And conditionally because when one of the world turns/converts and loves Jesus,
the world now hates that person

Islam, the “religion of peace and tolerance”:
“He who changes his religion, kill him.”
Muslims, and all other POWs/inhabitants of the world, know not
the selfless, unconditional love of God

The history of RCC is very bloody...the blood of the saints

Other religions as well

God's unconditional Love was His draw to us and is our "calling card"

God loves you.

He has good news for you – an invitation, a gift.

I am here to love you unconditionally and share it with you.

The world hates those whom Jesus has called out unto Himself

We cannot change that

Expect it

1 John 3:13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

So just put on your armor, and go calling with our calling card

2. Don't be afraid

Following Jesus in the world that hates Him and us produces joy and peace

Matt 5:10-12 Blessed *are they* which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you

Matt 28:20 I am with you always, unto the end of the world (So, fear not!)

Rom 12:14 Bless them which persecute you, bless and curse not

The Church today

Few are faithful witnesses

Soil #4

Heb 4:1-11

1 John 5:4-5

Philadelphia

Many are unfaithful witnesses

Soils #2 and #3

Thyatira, Sardis, Laodicea

A "Silent Witness" program does not work for the Bride of Christ!

Instead, a bold witness, lovingly proclaiming the Truth, love, and grace of Jesus Christ to an insane world, is our work

Chose ye this day:

The love (*agape*) of God and the hatred of the world

or

The love (*phileo*) of the world and the wrath of God

Peace (true) with God (Rom 5:1, John 14:27)

or

Peace (false) with the world

Greater love (John 15:13, Rom 8:31-39), broader and deeper than the Pacific Ocean

or

Selfish love, as shallow as a vapor and the morning dew

If you choose well

James 4:4-10

1 Peter 1:12-16

1 John 4:1-6

If you choose the love of God and the hatred of the world, stand up

[pray for baptism of Holy Spirit]

- Comforter
- Promise of the Father
- Spirit of Truth
- With, in, and upon
- Teacher
- Reminder of all Jesus said
- Witness of Jesus Christ