

“Breaking the Cycle”
March 5, 2023 * Matthew 23:29-36

Jesus warns

the _____ instead of the persecuted

Matthew 5:10-12

they _____ to honor God and his prophets, 23:29-30

THEY DO - “build tombs of the prophets and
decorate the monuments of the righteous

THEY SAY - ‘if we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have
taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets’”

Jesus reveals the _____ about the persecutors

they are _____ of those who murdered the prophets, 23:31

they are on course to _____ the killings of God’s prophets, 23:32-33

they bear _____ for God’s prophets – past and future, 23:34-36

The righteous who died
from Abel (Genesis 4:8-11)
to the blood of Zechariah (2 Chronicles 24:20-22)

Hebrew Bible 5 + 8 + 11 = 24 books
Protestant OT 5 + 21 + 13 = 39 books
Books of Moses + Prophets + Writings

Jesus is the only _____ persecutors

Make sure whose _____ you are on – is it God’s or God’s enemies?

Matthew 12:30 “Whoever is not with me is against me, and
whoever does not gather with me scatters” (Mark 9:40)

Learn the lesson of Gamaliel in Acts 5:33-42

Jesus equates _____ with murder
Matthew 5:21-22

Deal _____ with anger or else it will fester
Ephesians 4:26-27, 31-32

Fill in the blanks: persecutors, pretended, truth, sons, repeat, responsibility, hope, side, anger, promptly