

Communion Meditation – Final Admonitions

John 15.18-25

“The World’s Hatred”

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Jesus Was Hated First

- Hatred is a powerful word / But it describes a powerful truth
 - Hate in and of itself is not evil / But what and why do we hate?
 - God hates “robbery”, “feast days”, “evil”, “false oaths”, “false doctrine”
- But Jesus accuses the Jews in **v25** of hating Him “without a cause”
 - They have a cause but Jesus doesn’t recognize it as just
- His words are meant to comfort to us – **Reread vss 18-19**

Those That Persecute Jesus do not Know God

- **Read v21** – This type of unjust hatred is rooted in not knowing God
- The world would have us believe loving Jesus is not necessary
 - But God the Father and Jesus in the Word are very clear on this point
 - **v21** ~ “. . . they do not know Him who sent Me”
 - **v23** ~ “He who hates Me hates My Father also”
 - **v24** ~ “. . . now they have seen and hated both Me and My Father”
 - People who claim to be Christian and deny this, clearly deny the Word

No Excuse for Sin of Rejecting Jesus

- **Read v22** / It is said “**Ignorance of the law is no excuse**”
 - Jesus appears to be saying that ignorance **is** a defense
 - That if He’d **not** come then they’d have had **no** sin
 - But let’s **read v24** too
 - The sin in question is a specific one – rejection of Him

American Christians have long been insulated from this type of hatred

But those days are fading fast . . .

Cultural Christianity has lost favor in the public square

But we ought not allow ourselves to become angry, fearful, or depressed

Read v19 / Being hated by the world is evidence of being loved by God

Let’s purpose to demonstrate the character of Christ in enduring it