

Hated For His Sake John 15:18-25

Why we can expect to be hated by the world, 18-21

- What a contrast: *hate* = 7x in 18-25 yet *love* = 9x love in 9-17.
- Prediction of persecution--*will also persecute you* (also 16:2)
- Why is the world bent on hating us?
 - It stems from hatred for Jesus first (chronological priority)
Jn. 7:7, I Pt. 2:21, Recall 13:16, "His sake"
 - It stems from being chosen by Jesus out of the world.
 - It stems from willful ignorance about God the Father.
- Why such a hatred for Jesus??? See Jn. 3:7, 7:7, I Jn. 3:12.
- Check out 14:30 and recall 8:44.

Why the world has no excuse for its hatred 22-25

- 2x Jesus states the world *has sin* because He came to them and spoke / did unique works (miracles). The world was already sinful, but their sin is now more pronounced, and any excuse for hating Jesus is lessened because of His personal appearance.
See Lk. 10:10-16 for principle of culpability based on opportunity.
- Jesus refers to King David's experiences of unreasonable hatred as parallel / predictive of His own as the Son of David, see Ps. 35:19, 69:4.

Question:

What can we who are insulated from the more extreme forms of this type of hatred do?

