

*Suffering For Sharing Our Faith*  
John 15:26-16:4

**Testifying about Jesus—a job for the Spirit and us, 15:26,27**

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BEAR TESTIMONY.

- ◆ Other testimony for Jesus--Jn. 1:15, 5:33-39, 8:18.
- ◆ The Spirit helps testify: Mtt. 10:19,20, Lk. 21:15, Acts 5:32, 6:10  
Note Jn. 16:8-11 where the Spirit's convicting work is described.

YOU MUST BEAR TESTIMONY ALSO.

- ◆ The disciples' mission of testifying: Acts 1:8, 2:32, 4:33, 10:39-42
- ◆ Our secondary mission of testifying is mandated in Mtt. 28:19,20.

**Trouble ahead—a warning so we don't stumble, 16:1-4**

**16:1** Purpose for foretelling persecution = no surprises . . . so you'll be less likely to *stumble / sin / fall away*. See Mk.4:17, Mtt. 24:10, 26:31,33. Note similar warnings in II Tim. 3:12, I Pt. 2:21,22.  
Jesus' greatest concern is not . . . but . . .

**16:2,3** Reasons for persecution = (1) Aiming to serve God (religion-based persecution. Idea is Jewish —expulsion from synagogue, as in 9:22,12:42; (2) Ignorance of the Father as in 21.

**16:4** Purpose for foretelling persecution = later recall of predictions of persecution will undoubtedly build faith—similar to 13:19,14:29.

