

GOSPEL OF JOHN

Lesson #11 -The World's Hatred

Scripture Reading: John 15:18-20

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Introduction:

1. Sometimes the truth is not easy to hear -Ga 4:16
2. During times when the world is against us, there are somethings we should remember...

I. JESUS WAS HATED FIRST -Jn 15:18-20

A. HIS LIFE AS THREATENED OFTEN

1. His birth -Mt 2:1-18
2. His home town of Nazareth -Lk 4:16-30
3. The Jews wanted to stone Him -Jn 8:58; 10:31-39
4. The chief priest and Pharisees plotted to kill Jesus -Jn 11:45-57
5. He was delivered over the Pilate out of envy -Mt 27:18

B. HE WAS HATED WHEN DOING GOOD

1. Healing the paralyzed man -Mk 2:1-11
2. Healings on the Sabbath -Mt 12:9-14
3. Casting out demons -Mt 12:22-ff

II. JESUS CAME FROM THE FATHER

A. HIS WORDS TESTIFIED OF HIM

1. The crowd's reaction after the Sermon on the Mount -Mt 7:28, 29
2. After questioning -Mt 22:33, 46
3. The exclamation -Jn 7:46

B. HIS WORKS TESTIFIED OF HIM

1. Healing the blind man -Jn 9:32
2. Multiple healings -Lk 8:18-23
3. Raising of Lazarus -Jn 11:1-ff

III. JESUS HAS GIVEN US A MESSAGE TO DELIVER

A. BEAR WITNESS OF JESUS

1. The apostles would report all they had seen and heard -Ac 4:19, 20
2. We are to shine the light of the gospel -2Co 4:6, 7

B. REACTION FROM THE WORLD

1. The New Testament
 - a. The people would persecute the apostles -Ac 5:40-42
 - b. Saul of Tarsus killed Steven -Ac 7:54-60
 - c. James dies by the sword of Herod -Ac 12:2

2. The church today
 - a. There are many that will hear the word of God with gladness – (ie. The “in season” -2Ti 4:2)
 - b. There are, however, many who will love the world more than the word of truth (2Th 2:10-12)

Conclusion:

1. We are called upon to be the light of the world; to shine the life of Christ before others.
2. The world needs Christians, just like the world needs light (e.g. snake in house at night).