

John 15: 18-21

Expect persecution!

“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember the words I spoke to you: ‘No servant is greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me.”

[Jesus, speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper.]

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We hear a lot today about “hate crimes”!! Were the crucifixion of Jesus at Calvary and the persecution of the early church actually “hate crimes”? Ironically, Jesus was all about LOVE, but his enemies were all about HATE!

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