

# Sermon Outline

## “HOW CHRISTIANS SHOULD EXPECT TO BE TREATED BY THE WORLD”

Readings: John 15:18-25; John 15:26-16:15; John 16:16-33

### 1. The world hates Christians because the world hates Jesus (15:18-25)

Q1. Why doesn't the world simply ignore us or dismiss us as "irrelevant"?

Q2. Why did the world hate JESUS?

Today's big idea: the critical importance of having right expectations ...

1 Jn 3:13 Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.

Q3. Why don't we retreat from the world?

Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

### 2. But Jesus is sending help ... (15:26-16:15)

Jn 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate **to help you and be with you forever**— 17 the Spirit of truth.

Jn 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.**

- Jesus says the role of the Spirit is to remind us of both His words and His works

1 Jn 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched —this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

S McAlpine (2021), *Being the Bad Guys: How to Live For Jesus in a World That Says You Shouldn't*

- according to Jesus, the greatest danger facing the disciples after He leaves is not death (even martyrdom!) but desertion

The Spirit will prove the world wrong about

- sin

- righteousness

- judgment

Deep Dive (730pm, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March)

### 3. So what's about to happen next? (16:16-33)

i. Jesus will die and rise again (and return to the Father in heaven) (vv16-28)

Jn 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Acts 5:41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. 42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

ii. The disciples will abandon Jesus (vv29-33)

- Christians exist in 2 places simultaneously: both **in this world** (where we will always have trouble) and **in Jesus** (where we will always have peace)

### So what, for us?

Twin truths from today's passage:

i. the world hates us

ii. Jesus loves us (and has overcome the world)