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18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 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. 20 Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.

<sup>21</sup> They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup> Whoever hates me hates my Father as well. 24 If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin.

- As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.
- 25 But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason 26 "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

<sup>27</sup> And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. 16 "All this I have told you so that you will not fall away.

<sup>2</sup> They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God.

<sup>3</sup> They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. <sup>4</sup> I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you,

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## 2 Timothy 3:12 (NIV)

12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

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#### Luke 4:28-29 (NIV)

<sup>28</sup> All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff.

#### Matthew 23:5-7 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> "Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; 6 they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; <sup>7</sup> they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others.

## John 11:47-48 (NIV)

<sup>47</sup> Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many signs. 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation."

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#### Acts 5:41 (NIV)

<sup>41</sup> The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

# Philippians 1:29 (NIV)

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him,

#### James 4:4 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

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## Colossians 4:6 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

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