**John 15:24-25**

**6/12/19**

**Intro – We Continue Tonight In A Section Of John 15, Dealing With Jesus’ Instructions And Warnings To His Disciples, Regarding The Soon-Coming Persecution Of Christ, And His Followers.**

**We Have Spent A Great Deal Of Time Examining And Discussing This Phenomenon Predicted By Jesus – That The World Would “Hate” Him, And His Followers.**

**Before We Move Further Into Our Lesson, I Think It Is Important That We Take A Moment To Truly, Digest This Reality. If There Were Ever A Person With No Logical Reason To Dislike Or Hate, It Was Jesus!**

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“How Was It Possible That Men As A Whole Could Fail To Appreciate The Sheer Goodness And Inestimable Worth Of Jesus? Why Should The World Hate Men Who Were Following Him As The Servant Follows His Master?”

*Tenney, Merrill C. John: The Gospel Of Belief. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1976 (Page 231).*

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A Difference In Nature Between The World And The Disciples.

The Disciples’ Close Relationship With The Rejected Christ.

The Conviction Of Sin Which Jesus’ Message Brought Upon The World.

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**In Tonight’s Lesson, Jesus Will Lay The Blame For His Rejection, Clearly At The Feet At His Persecutors; And Remind The Disciples (And Us), That They Should Not Be Surprised.**

**1. V. 24a – Jesus Begins Verse 24 With An Incredible Statement Concerning The Severe, Indefensible And *Unforgiveable* Nature Of Their Sin. What Does Jesus Say At The Beginning Of This Verse?**

**2. What Are Some Of The Works Jesus Did, That No Other Man Had Ever Done – In Number, And In Scope? *(List And Discuss)***

**3. Of Course, Jesus Was Speaking To The 11, Most Directly Concerning The Jewish People, Who Were Eyewitnesses Of All These Things. However, The Same Question Must Be Posed To You And Me, Today. What Are The Works We Have Witnessed Jesus Do In Our Own Lives? *(Exercise)***

**4. V. 24b – The Last Thing Jesus Says In Verse 24, May Be More Incredible That The First. What Is His Ending Statement In Verse 24?**

**5. Again, It Is Important That We Take A Moment To Absorb The Reality And Magnitude Of What Jesus Declared.**

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They Saw God; And Hated The God They Saw!

**6. *The KJV Records The Word, “Hate,” Seven Times In The Last 7 Verses.***

**7. If You Look Around The World Today, You Will See That The World Still “Hates” The Messiah, And The Father, Who Sent Him!**

**For This Reason, The World Invents “God’s” Of Their Own Imagination, And *Plans Of Salvation* Of Their Own Imagination.**

**8. However, This Is A Deadly Choice!**

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Commentator, John Macarthur, Calls It…

“The Decisive Sin Of Rejection, The Deliberate And Fatal Choice Of Darkness Over Light And Death Over Life.”

**9. There Is No Recovery From The Rejection Of The Truth Of Jesus Christ.**

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Matthew 12:31-32

John 3:36

Hebrews 10:26-27

**10. V. 25 – According To Verse 25, Why Should The Disciples Not Have Been Surprised At Both The Rejection And Persecution Of Jesus?**

**11. Pay Close Attention To How Jesus Refers To The O.T. Scriptures In This Verse. How Does He Refer To The Law? (*Their* Law - Over 300 O.T. Prophecies Describing The Messiah)**

**12. What Is The Point Jesus Is Stressing By Referring To The Law This Way? *(The Inexcusable Nature Of Their Rejection Of Him)***

**13. The Question For The World, And Us, Today Is This: What Excuse Do We Have For Rejecting Jesus?**

**If We Have Accepted Jesus, What Excuse Do We Have For Doubting Jesus? *(We, In This Room, Know More Scriptural Truth Today, Than The Most Scholarly Jews, In Jesus’ Day!)***