**John 15:20-23**

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**Intro – To This Point In John 15, Jesus Has Given Great Teaching On:**

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A Believers Relationship With…

Him…

The Father…

One Another…

**Now He Is Going To Give A Great Teaching On The Believers Relationship With “The World!”**

**This Relationship, Unlike The Others, Will Not Be One Of *Unity* – *Fellowship* – *Intimacy* & *Love*…**

**Instead The Believers Relationship With The World Will Be Marked By *Division* – *Hostility* & *Persecution*.**

**Last Week, Jesus Makes This Great Truth, Very Clear.**

**1. V. 20a – Our Lesson Begins With Jesus Reminding His Disciples Of Something That He Had Previously Stated.**

**2. V. 20b – What Is It That Jesus Is Referencing, As Having Been Told To Them Before?**

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Matthew 10:24-25

Luke 6:40

John 13:16

**3. If Jesus Has Already Told This To His Disciples, Why To You Think That He Feels It Necessary To Repeat It, At This Point? (*We Soon Forget Things – And Persecution Is Soon To Come*)**

**4. Many Of Us Have Suffered Some Sort Of Hostility From Others Because Of Our Faith – And It Can Take Us By Surprise – We Can Be A Bit Stunned The Moment It Happens! *(But Jesus Does Not Want His Children To Have Any Naiveté About The World We Live In! –***

**5. V. 20c – Look At What Jesus Says Next *(Read).***

**6. Doesn’t This Verse Make Very Good Sense? Then Why Are We Still Surprised When We See It?**

**7. This Statement Reminds Us That The Hatred Begins With The World’s Hatred Of Christ, And Flows From There, To Everything, And Everyone, Connected With Christ!**

**8. V. 20d – How Does Jesus End Verse 20?**

**What Does That Mean?**

**9. To What Group Of People Has Jesus Primarily Been Teaching And Preaching The Truths Of Heaven?**

**To What Group Of People Will These Disciples (Soon To Be Apostle) First Teach And Preach The Gospel?**

**10. What Is The Response From This Group Of People, For Which, Jesus Is Preparing The 11?**

**11. Remember: When You And I Witness To Other People – When We Seek To Convince Them With The Truth Of Jesus Christ – It Is Not Our Words Or Logic That Is Insufficient To Convince Them - Their Heart Is Hard Toward Christ.**

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Persuasive Arguments, Sophisticated Logic, Nor That Which Seems Simple, Common Sense, Can Convince A Hardened Heart To Receive Christ.

**12. V. 21 – Now Jesus Is Going To Present To Us A Truth We’ve Seen Before, But Nonetheless Is Incredibly Powerful.**

**(Slide 5 - Chart)**

**13. Again, We See That There Is An Interdependency Between The Father, The Son, And Believers. When A Person Loves God – They Are A Lover Of Christ – And They Are Also A Lover Of Christians!**

**14. How Many Of You Have Ever Known People, Who Claim A Relationship With “God,” Yet, No Have No Reverence For Jesus, And Even Less Reverence For Christians?**

**What Does This Verse Tell Us About Their Profession To Be Lovers Of God? (*They Are Not Lovers Of The True And Living God – They Love A God Of Their Imagination*).**

**15. V. 22a – In Verse 22, Jesus Makes Two More Incredible Statements. What Is The First Thing That He Says?**

**Of Whom, Is Jesus Speaking Specifically? (*The Jews*)**

**16. The Jews, Like All Of Unsaved Humanity, Were Guilty Of Being Born And Shaped In Iniquity. However, What Is The Specific Sin, Of Which Jesus Is Speaking? (*The Sin Of Rejecting The Messiah*)**

**17. Jesus Is Not Walking The Earth Preaching/Teaching, As He Was In The Gospel Days. However, Is He Speaking To The World Today? If So, How? (*Scriptures – Preaching/Teaching – Evangelism – Lives Of Christians*)**

**18. V. 22b – According To The End Of This Verse, The Jews Could Not Say That They Were Never Presented With Their Messiah, Or Given Evidence Of Who He Was. *Neither Can The World Today – Especially America!***

**19. V. 23 – Our Lesson Ends With Those Very Harsh Words That Sis Benita Pointed Out Last Week. Someone Please Read.**

**20. Do You Think All Those, Who Claim To Believe In God, Yet, Reject Christ, Would Admit That They “Hate” God?**