**The World Will Hate You
John 15:18-16:4 (page 772 or 623)**

**Main Truth**
The faithful followers of Jesus should not be surprised when the world hates them, for the world hated Jesus.

**Structure Thoughts**

*18“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. 19If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. 21But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.*

*22If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23Whoever hates me hates my Father also. 24If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. 25But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’*

*26“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. 27And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.*

*1“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. 2They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. 3And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.*

**Reflection Question**

What do you fear most in being persecuted? What truth can you claim from God's word to help you stand up in the face of that fear?

**Truths that defeat fear**

*Matthew 5:10; Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Peter 2:19; 1 Peter 3:14; Philippians 3:1-10; James 1:2-4; James 1:12; Romans 10:14; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21; Romans 14:11-12*