

Title: "A Long Line of Hated People" (part 1)

Text: John 15:18-25

Luke 9:22-23, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up the third day. Then He said to them all, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

5 reasons why the world hates Christians:

1. The world hates Christians because the world hates Jesus (**v. 18**)

Matthew 10:16-25

Luke 21:12-19 "...they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony...You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will send some of you to your death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake."

John 7:7 "The world...hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil."

John 3:19-20, "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed."

2. The world hates Christians because Christians are different (**vv. 19-20**)
3. The world hates Christians because the world does not know God (**v. 21**)
4. The world hates Christians because the world hates God (**vv. 22-24**)

Romans 1:18-21 "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened."

5. The world hates Christians because it fulfilled Scripture (**v. 25**)

How will you respond to what you've heard today?