

"IF THEY PERSECUTED ME, THEY WILL ALSO PERSECUTE YOU."

THE COMING

PERSECUTION

JOHN 15:21-25

HARBOR
COMMUNITY CHURCH

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**IF YOU ARE HATED *ON ACCOUNT OF THE NAME
OF JESUS*, THEN YOU DO NOT HAVE THE
FREEDOM TO RESPOND IN WHATEVER WAY
YOU PLEASE.**



**WHEN FACED WITH PERSECUTION, YOU MUST
RESPOND IN A CHRIST-HONORING, CHRIST-
EXALTING MANNER.**



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**THE WORLD DOES NOT LACK KNOWLEDGE
ABOUT GOD; THEY LACK A RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD.**



THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
INTELLECTUALLY KNOWING GOD
AND INTIMATELY KNOWING GOD.

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**JESUS, IN THESE VERSES, IS SHOWING
US THAT THE WORLDS REJECTION OF
JESUS IS NOT BASED ON TRUTH;
IT'S ROOTED IN HATRED.**


“RABBI, WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE A TEACHER COME FROM GOD, FOR NO ONE CAN DO THESE SIGNS THAT YOU DO UNLESS GOD IS WITH HIM (3:2).”

“WHAT ARE WE TO DO? FOR THIS MAN PERFORMS MANY SIGNS. IF WE LET HIM GO ON LIKE THIS, EVERYONE WILL BELIEVE IN HIM, AND THE ROMANS WILL COME AND TAKE AWAY BOTH OUR PLACE AND OUR NATION (11:47).”




**NO MATTER HOW COMPELLING THE
FACTS ARE, THERE WILL STILL BE SOME
WHO REJECT THE GLORIOUS MESSAGE OF
JESUS CHRIST.**


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**“MORE IN NUMBER THAN THE HAIRS OF MY HEAD ARE
THOSE WHO HATE ME WITHOUT CAUSE; MIGHTY ARE
THOSE WHO WOULD DESTROY ME, THOSE WHO ATTACK
ME WITH LIES. WHAT I DID NOT STEAL MUST I NOW
RESTORE?”**



**THE REJECTION JESUS WAS
EXPERIENCING WAS FORETOLD FROM
THE BEGINNING.**





**IF GOD IS FAITHFUL TO KEEP HIS
PROMISES HERE, WHEN HE IS ON THE
RECEIVING END OF UNJUST HATRED,
THEN HE WILL BE FAITHFUL TO KEEP HIS
PROMISES ELSEWHERE.**



YOU, LIKE JESUS, ARE TO BE HATED
WITHOUT A CAUSE.

