

Throne

to Table

**Part 13 - The Downside of
Discipleship**



The Downside of What the World is Not Up On

(Why We Should Not Be
Surprised by Their Hate)



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to Table*

[Jesus] “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away...

But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.”

- John 16:1,4 ESV

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

- 2 Timothy 3:12 ESV

1. Inevitable Hostility



If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.

- John 15:18 ESV

We sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith, that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this.

- 1 Thessalonians 3:2-3 ESV

- Because We Can't
Be Owned



***If you were of the world,
the world would love you as its own.***

- John 15:19a ESV

- Because Christ's
Teaching is
Authoritative



Remember 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...

- John 15:20-22 ESV

***...But all these things they will do
to you on account of my name,
because they do not know him
who sent me...***

- John 15:20-22 ESV

...If 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.

- John 15:20-22 ESV

- Because Our Witness
is Judged as Bigotry



They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.

- John 16:2 ESV

***Behold, I am sending you out as sheep
in the midst of wolves, so be wise as
serpents and innocent as doves.
Beware of men, for they will deliver
you over to courts and flog you in
their synagogues...***

- Matthew 10:16-17,21-22 ESV

...Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name's sake...

- Matthew 10:16-17,21-22 ESV

...But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

- Matthew 10:16-17,21-22 ESV

2. Inexplicable Relationship



***Whoever hates me hates my Father
also. If 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...***

- John 15:23-25, 16:3 ESV

***But the word that is written in
their Law must be fulfilled:
‘They hated me without a cause.’...
And they will do these things
because they have not known
the Father, nor me.***

- John 15:23-25, 16:3 ESV

*And even if our gospel is veiled,
it is veiled to those who are perishing.
In their case the god of this world has
blinded the minds of the unbelievers,
to keep them from seeing the light of
the gospel of the glory of Christ,
who is the image of God.*

- 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 ESV

***For the word of the cross is folly
to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it
is the power of God.***

- 1 Corinthians 1:18 ESV

- Because of Love's
Radical Claim



***As the Father has loved me,
so have I loved you.
Abide in my love.***

- John 15:9 ESV

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so, we are...

- 1 John 3:1, 13 ESV

...The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him...do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you.

- 1 John 3:1, 13 ESV

- Because of Christ's
Singular Choice



***I chose you out of the world,
therefore the world hates you.***

- John 15:19b ESV

3. Incredible Opportunity



***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...***

- John 15:26-27 ESV

***...And you also will bear witness,
because you have been with me
from the beginning.***

- John 15:26-27 ESV

When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch...

- Acts 14:21-22 ESV

...strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

- Acts 14:21-22 ESV

- Because this World
Isn't All There is



***Blessed are you when others revile
you and persecute you and utter all
kinds of evil against you falsely
on my account...***

- Matthew 5:11-12 ESV

***...Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great in heaven,
for so they persecuted the
prophets who were before you.***

- Matthew 5:11-12 ESV

- Because No One is
Outside Christ's
Reach

