

The background of the entire image is a photograph of a person, likely Jesus, walking on water. The person is wearing a white robe and is captured from the waist down, with their feet visible on the surface of the water. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a bright, golden light source in the upper right corner, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the water with shimmering reflections. The overall mood is serene and miraculous.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

PART FORTY-ONE

The Word Made Flesh



JOHN 16:1-4

**The Paraclete
of
Empowerment**

1. The Coming Hour (vv.1-4a)

a. The "things" to which Jesus refers are in the previous chapter (15:18-27)

i. The hatred that you will face is not new to you; I, too, have faced it



ii. Your temptation and trial is common to the human experience (1 Cor 10:13)

iii. While this does not nullify what you are experiencing, it helps to know that your pain is not entirely unique



b. D.A. Carson notes,

“the greatest danger the disciples will confront from the opposition of the world is not death but apostasy”



i. The world will hate God's people, and Jesus is less concerned about us losing our physical lives (as we should be), because the Resurrection has resolved that, but rather than stain that comes with defection and falling away--also known as apostasy.



1. 2 Thess 2:1-3

2. 1 Tim 4:1-3

3. Heb 6:4-6



ii. So then, if we are taking the words of Jesus literally, which I think we should here, then His warning and teaching to the disciples are what's required to prevent defection--Peter will fall but not defect.



iii. This would say to us, failure to heed the words of the Savior--the living Word of Scripture puts us in danger of falling away in some capacity.

c. Rest assured, you will be persecuted (v.2)



i. There have been many who thought they were doing God a favor by persecuting other people of faith

1. Saul of Tarsus (Acts 7-9)

2. Emperor Diocletian of Rome

3. Mary I of England (Bloody Mary)

4. John Calvin and the Geneva

Council



d. They will do these things because they don't know the Father nor the Son (v.3)

i. Persecution and hatred of others are indicators of not having a relationship with God



1 John 4:7-8 "Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been fathered by God and knows God. The person who does not love does not know God, because God is love."



ii. Don't be surprised by the actions of those who don't love God

e. Jesus says, I tell you these things now because now is the time that you are ready for them. When I was with you, you didn't need them, nor would you have heard them anyway.

