



¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask



in my name the Father will give you.¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other. ¹⁸ "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember what I told you:



'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.²¹ They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me.²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they



have no excuse for their sin.²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father as well.²⁴ If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my Father.²⁵ But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.' ²⁶ "When the Advocate comes,



whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.^{16:1} "All this I have told you so that you will not fall away.² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who



kills you will think they are offering a service to God. ³ They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them.



"The [Holy Spirit] whom Jesus sends will in the wake of the cross and resurrection complete the revelation bound up with the person and work of Christ, thereby making Jesus' disciples more informed, more privileged, more comprehending than any believers who ever came before."

D.A. Carson

"...the union of love that joins believers with Jesus can never become a comfortable, exclusivistic huddle that only they can share. Doubtless it is a unique union, an extension of the union of the Godhead; but by its very nature, it is a union, an intimacy, which, by the necessity of its own constitution, seeks to bring others into its orb."

D.A. Carson

Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you.

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1 John 3:13

"The world loves only those who join it in delusional beliefs and destructive behaviors, which in effect means that the world loves itself. The world's kind of love is the selfish kind of love that does not deserve to be called love at all. It may be enthusiastic approval and acceptance, but it is not love." James M. Hamilton Jr.

²⁰ Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. ²¹ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.²² But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

Matthew 11:20-24

²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.²⁴ But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you."

Matthew 11:20-24

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection."

Acts 1.22-23 FSV

"The oftener we are mown down by you, the more in number we grow; the blood of Christians is seed."

Tertullian

"The greatest danger the disciples will confront from the opposition of the world is not death but apostasy."

