

# JOHN

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO



15:18–16:4

WHAT FRIENDS OF JESUS SHOULD EXPECT

PART VI: FINAL WORDS



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<sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the Lord loves you.

**Deuteronomy 7:7-8**





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— D.A Carson



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<sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

**1 Peter 3:14-15**





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**John 16:1-4**





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Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.  
<sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

**1 Peter 4:12-14**

