

**“Not of this World” • John 17:13–23**

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**Intro** • *In what ways do you feel attached or detached from this world?*

Jesus speaks of the “world” 38x in ch. 14–17, (Last Supper). This world represents a huge danger to us. But the truth is that we are “not of this world,” and the Gospel we live by is totally “out of this world!”

**Outline:**

- Hated by the world for Jesus’ sake
- Out of this world through Jesus’ truth
- Still “in” the world, but not “of” the world
- Not of this world’s discord and division

**John 17:13–15** • Joy made full in Jesus, even though we are hated, because Jesus and His Father were hated first. This has been a theme throughout the Last Supper (**John 15:18–25, 16:1–2, 32–33**)

**Discuss** • *Our brothers and sisters in Christ are suffering severe persecution. How should their example inspire us?*

**Vs 16–17** • “SANCTIFY” / we’ve been set apart from this world by Jesus’ TRUTH and we can’t be IN the world and IN Christ at the same time.

**Discuss** • *How does Progressive Christianity flip the “in” and “of”?*

**Vs 18–20** • IN the world; not OF the world \_\_\_\_\_

**Vs 15** • Don’t fall in love with this world; keep from the evil one! \_\_\_\_\_

**Story of Demas** (Colossians 4:14; Philemon 1:24; 2 Timothy 4:10; Matthew 13:22)

**1 Corinthians 5:19–13** • How we are to be IN but not OF the world \_\_\_\_\_

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**Discuss** • *Who “in the world” are you associating with? How can you be “intentional” in this relationship?*

**Vs 19** • How is Jesus “sanctified” here? \_\_\_\_\_

How are we “sanctified”? \_\_\_\_\_

**Vs 21–23** • Christian unity is “out of this world” \_\_\_\_\_

A BIG CRITICISM of Christianity: *What about all the denominations!?*

#1 • These actually prove the Church because: \_\_\_\_\_

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#2 • God provides many different “flavors” of the Church because: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CLOSING** • *Because we are not of this world, keep looking heavenward!*

**Discuss** • *How does living in expectation of the impending return of Christ impact your life?*