

JOHN 15:18 – 16:15

NOT SURPRISED

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Disclaimers: JESUS speaks to the Eleven to prepare them for His death. JOHN writes to present an evangelistic message (*"but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."* (20:31))

JOHN'S quoting of Jesus must be understood in the context of the Eleven, not immediately applied to our situations. JOHN'S stated purpose reminds us that we must first and foremost see what He has included as giving us a reason to believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

When we decide to become Jesus' followers (His disciples), we should not be surprised that . . .

1. We don't " _____ " anymore.

- a. Because we are not " _____ " any longer. (15:18-19)
 - [the world] = the created order in rebellion against God
- b. Because a servant is not greater than his master (20-23)
- c. Because we _____ about Jesus, as does the Spirit (24-25)

2. We may " _____ ."

- a. " _____ " and even killing us (16:1-2)
- b. But Jesus has _____ us (3-6)
- c. But Jesus will send the _____ (7)
 - Who will _____ the world (8-11)
 - Who will guide the _____ in truth (12-15)

*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.
But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings,
that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.
1 Peter 4:12-13*