

Sermon on the Mount

The Distinctiveness of Disciples

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(BBC: 3 May 2019)

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- The review, led by the Bishop of Truro, the Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen, estimated that one in three people suffer from religious persecution.
- Christians were the most persecuted religious group, it found.
- From 10/31/17–11/01/18 – 245m persecuted; 4,136 killed; 1,266 churches attacked (Word Watch List – Open Door USA)

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Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

2 Cor. 2:14:16

But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task?

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