





# SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Matthew 5-7



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# Jesus ...

If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.

John 15.19-20

Paul ...

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Jesus Christ will be persecuted.

2 Timothy 3.12

# In Philippi ...

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake.

Philippians 1.29

# In Thessalonica ...

We ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

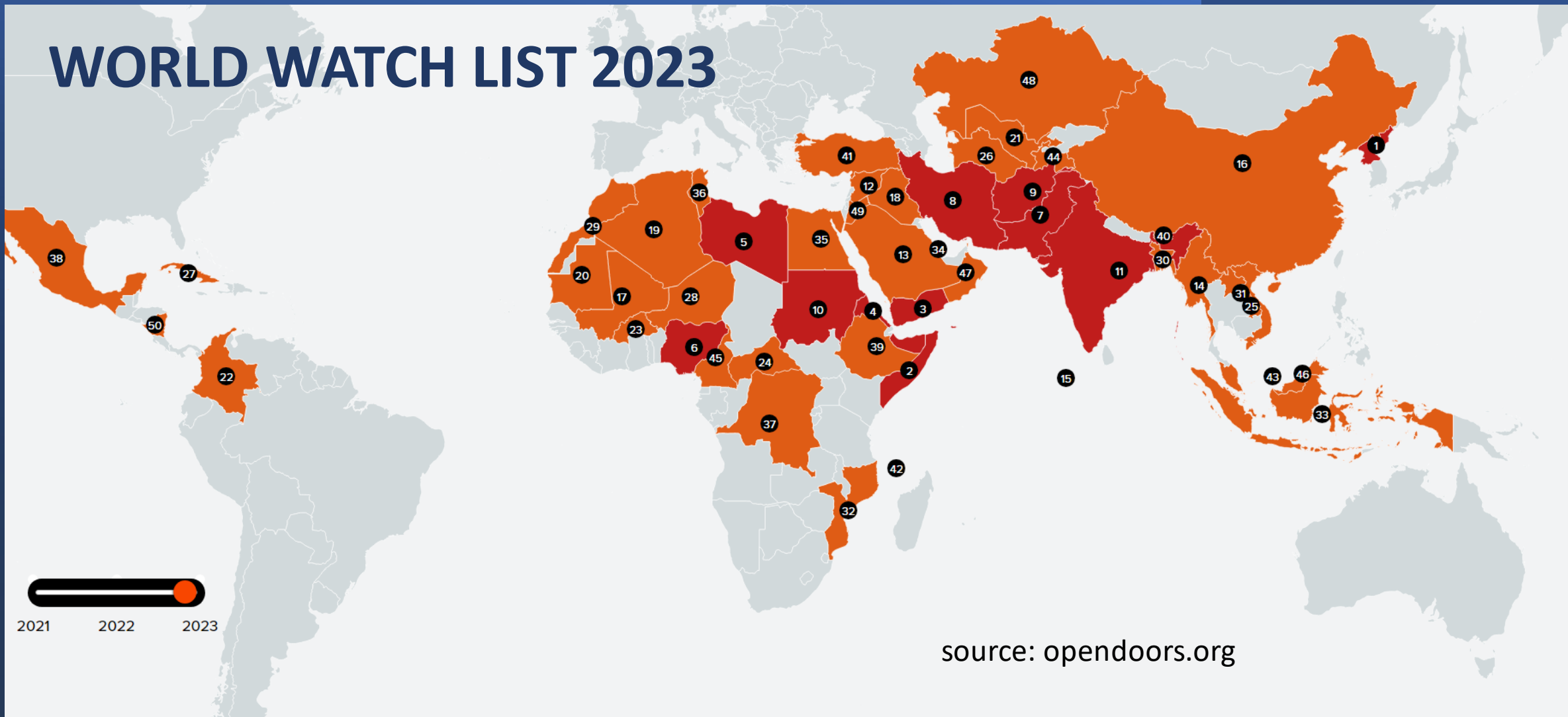
2 Thessalonians 1.4

In Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and  
in Bithynia ...

Do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon  
you to test you, as though something strange were  
happening to you.

1 Peter 4.12

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HIGH LEVELS OF PERSECUTION

VERY HIGH LEVELS OF PERSECUTION

EXTREME LEVELS OF PERSECUTION



More than  
360m  
Christians  
suffer high  
levels of  
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and  
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Pray for the persecuted church



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**Preparing for Suffering ...**

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EXPECT to suffer



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CLING to the sovereignty of God

