

The difference between the Christian and the world is not so much what you believe in, but what you rejoice in. If you're rejoicing in the things of this world, then these things will run your life, and they will leave you eventually.

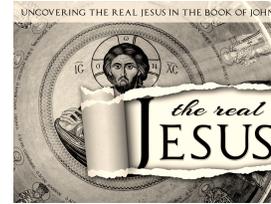
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Notes:

Community Group Questions:

1. How have you reacted to hostility for your faith in Christ? Grown shy and withdrawn, responded in anger, or something else?
2. Can you affirm with certainty that Jesus is your foremost identity in this world? If not, what things would define you more today?
3. How does the King of Windsor's abdication of the throne in England parallel our own experience of turning away from the world's system to God's kingdom?

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When the World Hates You **John 15:18-27**

"If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. ¹⁹The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you. ²⁰Do you remember what I told you? 'A slave is not greater than the master.' Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you. ²¹They will do all this to you because of me, for they have rejected the one who sent me. ²²They would not be guilty if I had not come and spoken to them. But now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³Anyone who hates me also hates my Father. ²⁴If I hadn't done such miraculous signs among them that no one else could do, they would not be guilty. But as it is, they have seen everything I did, yet they still hate me and my Father. ²⁵This fulfills what is written in their Scriptures: 'They hated me without cause.' ²⁶"But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me. ²⁷And you must also testify about me because you have been with me from the beginning of my ministry.

4 ways in the scripture to understand the world.

1. He came into the very *world* he created, John 1 :10

World as the object of creation

2. Do not love this *world* nor the things it offers you 1 John 2:15

World as the thing that pull people away from God;

3. for God so loved the *world* John 3:16

People as the object of God love;

4. "If the *world* hates you, remember that it hated me first.

The world represents the people who are hostile to God.

Why does the world hate us?

If you live a Christian life with any kind of consistency, it's inevitable you will arouse at times out-and-out hostility in the people around you, whose hearts are not rooted in the same worldview.

I. They don't believe in objective truth as told in the Bible.

if they had listened to me, they would listen to you. John 15:20

So even if you follow Paul's admonition in Romans.

Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

Romans 12:17,18

Standing with biblical objective moral truth will lead to backlash.

II. They don't like that we answer to a higher authority.

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John 15:18,19

III. They don't understand what Jesus has done for us.

...you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you. John 15:19

2 Reasons:

1. They do not know the love that of Christ.

Jesus is saying, "*The love between you and me, is going to create all kinds of alienation, with anybody who has not experienced my love.*"

There is this huge difference between people who know Christ and those who don't.

We have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. ... But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it,

1 Corinthians 2:12,14

2. They do not like the idea we are chosen by God.

You didn't choose me. I chose you.

John 15:16

I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you.

John 15:19