

- Christians are being persecuted today
- We face hostility in Britain
- Jesus was preparing his disciples for his death – ‘remember me’
 - a) Their problem is with Jesus not us
 - b) It’s an honour and privilege to stand with Jesus
 - c) We need to respond humbly

Reason for hatred No.1:

You no longer belong to the world (v19)

- a) don’t be too desperate to belong
- b) don’t be surprised to find yourself excluded
- c) don’t forget you are part of an even more privileged club now

Reason for hatred No.2:

The world hates your master’s teaching (v20-21)

- a) don’t assume you or your church is wrong when people
- b) don’t expect to be popular
- c) we don’t have to say everything immediately

- ⇒ A world that hates his words & works is guilty of hating his Father (v22-24)
- ⇒ *A world that hates me identifies me as the promised Servant-Messiah (v25)*

Coffee Question:

Are you experiencing any hostility for your faith in Christ?
How does this passage help you with that?