

**Series "Jesus: God And Savior"**  
**"Understanding Haters"**  
**John 15:18-27**  
**Part-54**

**Most Attempts To Correct "Haters" Make Them Hate Even More:  
Proverbs 9:8.**

**Jesus' Response To "Haters" Reveals The Truth That They Are Spiritually  
Ignorant: Luke 23:34.**

**Our passage clearly points to the root cause for the "Haters" which is  
spiritual ignorance and willful rebellion against God's revealed truth,  
which is Jesus Christ!**

**John 13-17 – Private Instruction**

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** The World Hates Jesus And His Followers  
Because The Truth We Speak Contradicts The Lie They Live.

**1. Verses 18-25 – Why The World Hates Believers**

**2. Verses 26-27 – God's Counteraction To Hate**

**1. Verses 18-25 – Why The World Hates Believers:**

John 15:18 – "If the world hates you," – The Context: John 15:1-11 –  
bearing much fruit because of our connection to Jesus. John 15:12-17 –  
that because of our connection to Jesus, we can and will love one another,  
John 15:17; John 13:35.

"If the world hates you," – or "since the world hates you."

"If the World" – There are 3 different ways that "World" is used in  
Scripture:

1. The Created World – John 1:10
2. The World of Humanity – John 3:16
3. The World Opposed to God – 1 John 2:15-16

John 14:30 – "for the ruler of the world is coming,"

Hates – 8X "pursue with hatred, detest."

## **Jesus Gives 4 Reasons Why The World Hates Believers:**

- 1. Verse 18 – The World Hates Believers Because The World Hates Jesus:** “world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you.”

Jesus gives a forewarning so the disciples are not taken by surprise or disillusioned, Luke 6:26.

Don't Take It Personal, The World Hated Jesus First! John 3:19-21

John 15:19 – “If you were of the world, the world would love its own;” – The word “love” is “natural affection, brotherly love.”

- 2. Verse 19 – Believers Possess A Different Nature From Those Of The World:** “If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world,”

1 Peter 4:3-5

“but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.” – This automatically places believers in a different category.

John 15:20 – “Remember the word that I said to you,” – “Keep on remembering;” “A slave is not greater than his master.” – 4X, Matthew 10:24; Luke 6:40; John 13:16; 15:20.

- 3. Verse 20 – Believers Are Identified With The Rejected Christ:** “A slave is not greater than his master.”

“If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you;” – The word “persecute” – “to put to flight, to pursue” or “to chase like a wild beast.”

2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12-13

“if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.” – Matthew 7:14 – We believe that the Bible is God's Word, John 3:36.

John 15:21 – “But all these things” – What things? Showing of Hatred and Persecution, Matthew 5:11.

“they will do to you for My name's sake” – There have been and continue to be religious people that have persecuted and even killed in the name of God.

**4. Verses 21-25 – They Are Lost And Don't Know God:** "because they do not know the One who sent Me."

Ignorance is the basic problem – Rejection Of God's Reveled Truth – Jesus.

This is the Religion of Cain: All the religions of the world can find origin in Cain, 1 John 3:12.

John 15:22

Sin Is Exposed Through His Word: "If I had not come and spoken (Word) to them, they would not have sin," – Matthew 12:31-32.

Total Rejection In The Face Of Total Revelation Is Unforgivable:  
"but now they have no excuse for their sin." – John 5:18; 10:30.

John 15:23 – "He who hates Me hates My Father also." – John 5:23 – Being Wrong About Jesus Results In Being Wrong About God!

John 15:24

Sin Is Exposed Through His Works: "If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin;" – Authenticating Miracles prove His Deity! (John's 7 Signs, 7 "I Am")

"but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well." – Willful Rejection!

John 15:25 – "But they have done this to fulfill the word that is written in their Law," – The term "Law" – used of the Pentateuch but more generally to the Hebrew Scriptures.

"THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE." – Psalm 35:19; Psalm 69:4.

**2. Verses 26-27 – God's Counteraction To Hate:**

John 15:26 – "When the Helper comes," – God's Answer To The World's Hatred Is The Holy Spirit!

Notice the Trinity in this passage: "When the Helper" – The Holy Spirit; "the Father" – God The Father; "of Me," – God the Son, Jesus Christ.

"When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father," – John 14:16 – We could not face the hostility in our own strength but the Holy Spirit would help us!

“Helper” – “one called alongside to help.” He will assist, empower, and encourage the believer.

“that is the Spirit of truth” – Holy Spirit reveals spiritual truth, 1 John 5:6. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. John 15:26; 16:13 – Jesus was called the Truth, John 14:6.

“who proceeds from the Father,” – John 14:16.

Verse 26 – The Witness Of The Holy Spirit: “He will testify about Me,” – 1 Corinthians 2:2.

John 3:36

John 15:27

Verse 27 – The Witness Of The Believer: “and you will testify also,” – literally, “you must bear witness.” That through our lives, we are to witness by what we say and how we live.

Romans 10:13

Notice it is the Holy Spirit and the believer that bear witness.

“because you have been with Me from the beginning.” – That having been with Jesus will show up in our lives, John 1:35.

### **Application:**

1. The Root Cause For Spiritual Haters Is Spiritual Ignorance And Willful Rebellion Against God’s Revealed Truth, Which Is Jesus Christ.
2. Haters Hated Christ Without A Cause, And They Will Be Condemned Without An Excuse.
3. God’s Answer To The World’s Hatred Is The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit Will Help The Believer; He Is The Revealer Of Truth. Both The Holy Spirit And The Believer Will Testify Of Jesus.