

Follow Jesus

John 15:18-27

“If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

“Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well. 25 But they have done this to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, ‘They hated Me without a cause.’” (John 15:18-25, NASB)

We hear no smooth-talking persuasion from Jesus.
He describes the path ahead of us clearly and plainly:

*“If anyone would come after me,
he must deny himself and
take up his cross and
follow me.” (Mark 8:34, NIV)*

Who would want to follow Jesus
straight into His storm of suffering?

But look at Him.

See the person He is and the way He lives.
He has experienced all that we have, and so much more.

Yet see His peace,
His patience,
His sufficiency in every situation.

See His deep, constant relationship with the Father.
See His love,
never fearful,
never strained.

I want to follow Him.
I want to finally lay down
this perpetual burden of petty self-concern.
I want to pick up my cross and
go with Him wherever He goes.
I am held captive by the magnificence of Jesus Christ.

“I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him...I want to know Christ...and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.”
(Philippians 3:8-9, 10, NIV)

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