



## *Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John – Week 39*

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### Summary:

After commanding his disciples to love one another, Jesus highlights their unique calling as his followers. To follow Jesus is to be hated by the world, because Jesus himself is hated by the world. But, as he always does, Jesus leaves his disciples with reason for hope – despite their ‘homelessness’ in the world, those who follow Christ are not without hope or help! The Holy Spirit himself will lead and guide them as they (we) bear witness to what we have seen – the glory and beauty of Christ himself!

### Discussion:

1. What was the most important take-away for you from this week’s message?
2. What does it mean that the world “hates” Jesus’ disciples? **Application:** How have you experienced this?
3. Why does the world hate followers of Christ (see v. 19)?
4. What encouragement does Jesus give his followers for when they are hated by the world (v. 20)? How might this hate be a **good** sign for the Christian?

5. What condemns those who reject/hate Jesus? In other word, what's the source of their guilt (see vv. 22 and 24 especially)?
  
6. **Application:** How do we as believers handle the world's disapproval (hate)? What makes us prone to seek the world's approval, despite Jesus' promise that the world will hate us? How can we resist the draw of worldly approval?
  
7. What's the significance of the prophecy (from Psalm 35:19 and 69:4) fulfilled by the Jews' rejection of Jesus (see v. 25)?
  
8. **Application:** How does our flesh tell us to respond to those who hate us? What does the Lord tell us about how to respond?
  
9. What's the hope that the Holy Spirit brings for the believer? What's the result of his work in our lives (v. 26-27)?
  
10. How would you 'title' this section? In other words, how would you restate the main purpose John had (as the author) in writing this passage?