

MESSAGE NOTES

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COME AND SEE | THE WORLD THAT HATES JESUS

JOHN 7:1-24

BIG IDEA

The world that hates Jesus is the world that Jesus loves.

OVERVIEW

1. The world that hates Jesus. (John 7:1-13)

- a. The Festival of Tabernacles
- b. The Brothers
 - “I am a foreigner to my own family, a stranger to my own mother’s children...” (Psalm 69:8)
- c. “This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.” (John 3:18-19)
- d. The crowds take on Jesus:
 - He’s a good man (verse 12).
 - He’s a deceiver, leading people astray (verse 12).
 - He’s demon possessed (verse 20).
- e. “I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” (C.S Lewis, Mere Christianity)

2. The World that hates Jesus is the World that Jesus loves. (John 7:15-24)

- a. Three ways Jesus loves the world:
 - By going when he could have stayed.
 - By teaching—pointing out our need for a Savior.
 - By dying in our place.
- b. **Application:** Jesus’ life and ministry prepares us to expect rejection as we live for Jesus Christ and as we proclaim Jesus—God’s son, our Savior—the only hope for this world.

c. "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also." John 15:18-20

THINK ABOUT IT...

1. Who is the "world" that hates Jesus?
2. Where is hypocrisy in my life reminding me that I need Jesus today more than ever?
3. Who in my life do I need to move toward, someone I might consider risky? What does it look like to point them to Jesus' teaching and what does it look like to give my life up for theirs, like Jesus?