

Sharing Jesus' Persecution: John 15:18-21, John 16:1-7, 12-22, 33

Week 16 in *The One and Only Jesus* Series

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In Jesus' farewell to His disciples, He _____
for the suffering they will experience.

Before Jesus leaves His disciples:

- * He _____ of intense persecution.
(15:18-21, 16:1-4, 16:33)
- * He reminds them that _____ will help them.
(15:26, 16:5-7)
- * He assures them that their _____. (16:16-22)

→ Weeping and sorrow turn to _____. (16:20)
- * He tells them they can have _____. (16:33)

"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows, but take heart because I have overcome the world." (16:33)

His challenge: "_____." (15:27)

Glory: Jesus gives us _____

Remember!

To allow God to change our hearts, we need to meet with Him. *The Daily Connections (Good Morning God, Spiritual Boost, Good Night Review)* open up our lives to allow God to change us from the inside out.

Good Morning God is to be done when we first wake up in bed at the beginning of every day. Your **Spiritual Boost** connects you with God's words in the Bible during the day sometime when you have 10 minutes of quiet. Finally, you finish your day with **Good Night Review**, and you allow God's joy and forgiveness to come to you as you drift to sleep.

These three spiritual exercises take only 20 minutes each day, and they have been part of following Jesus for many of Jesus' followers over the last 2000 years. Try it yourself and see how your relationship with God deepens and how you are fundamentally changed by spending time with God!

Spiritual Boost Bible Readings

Day 1: John 15:18-19

- ✳ What does Jesus mean when He says He chose you to come out of the world? What is "the world" and does it love Jesus' followers?

Day 2: John 15:20-21

- ✳ Jesus speaks of a connection between servant and Master. (We saw this in John 13:13-16.) What treatment can you expect as His follower?

Day 3: John 16:1-4

- ✳ Why does Jesus think His followers might abandon their faith? What could cause you to abandon your faith? How can you prepare now?

Day 4: John 16:20-22

- ✳ Surprising but true... grief will turn to joy! How can we believe Jesus' words here—that our sorrow will one day turn to "wonderful joy"?

Day 5: John 16:31-33

- ✳ Notice the certainty in Jesus' words: "I am not alone, because the Father is with me." "You may have peace in me." "You will have many trials and sorrows." "I have overcome the world." Pause and ponder the connection between these statements. How can your trials and sorrows be influenced by Jesus' words?