

HOW CAN WE ENDURE PERSECUTION?

**Learning from our Lord's Commands to His tribulation disciples
Matthew 10:17-23**

- I. WE MUST UNDERSTAND THE TEXT IN IT'S CONTEXT:** While instructing His apostles to be discerning on their first assignment, Jesus transitions into instructions for the His Jewish tribulation disciples (17-23) (Matt 24:1-22, Mark 13:1-20, Luke 21:5-24, Matt 10:23)

- II. UNDERSTAND JESUS IS INSTRUCTING HIS JEWISH TRIBULATION DISCIPLES IN RELATION TO SUFFERING THEY WILL ENCOUNTER FOR OBEYING HIM (17-23)**
 - A. They are to understand severe religious, secular and family persecution for obeying Christ will come by men who hate Christ and thus respond rightly (17-21)**
 1. Saved Jewish disciples will encounter religious persecution from fellow Jews (17)

 2. These disciples are not to worry when they are brought before secular government and God will testify through them (18-20)

 3. These disciples will be delivered up to death by family (21)

 - B. They are to understand all this persecution is based upon a hatred for Christ (22a)**

 - C. They need to know true believe will endure to the end (22b)**

 - D. There are to wisely respond to persecution knowing it will end when Christ comes (23)**

- III. RECOGNIZE JESUS' INSTRUCTIONS HERE HAVE SECONDARY APPLICATIONS FOR ALL OF HIS DISCIPLES:** We must understand persecution is coming, then we must trust Him and discerningly obey because He is working through it for His glory