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John 15:15-27

You Are My Friends

15 Jesus said, "I am no longer calling you 'slaves,' because a slave doesn't know what his master is doing. I am calling you 'friends,' because I have revealed to you everything which I have heard from my Father. 16 YOU did not choose me; I chose you! I have appointed YOU to go and produce fruit. Your fruit will last. My Father will give you whatever you ask for in my name. 17 Love one another! I am ordering you to do this."

The World will Hate You, Too!

18 Jesus said "If the people of the world hate you, remember that they hated ME first. 19 If you were from the world, the people of the world would love their own people. I chose you from out of the world. You are not in the world anymore. That is why the people of the world hate you. 20 Do you remember the lesson I taught you: 'No slave is more important than his master.'? Since they persecuted ME, they will also persecute you. Since they obeyed my teaching, they will obey your teaching, too. 21 The people of the world will do all these things to you, because of my name; they didn't know the One who sent me. 22 If I had not come and talked to them, they would not be so guilty, but now, they have no excuse for their sin. 23 A person who hates ME hates my Father, too. 24 They would not be so guilty if I had not performed deeds among them which no one has ever done. But they have now seen the miracles. They have hated ME and my Father. 25 It was necessary for this verse written in their law to come true:

'They have no reason to hate me.' (*Psalms 35:19*)

26 "I will send you the Comforter from the Father. He is the Spirit of truth who is coming out from the Father. When he comes, he will tell the truth about ME. 27 YOU will testify, too, because you were with ME from the very beginning."