

**John 15:20~** **Bear in mind, the word I said to you. A slave is not greater than his master. If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they have observed my word, they will observe yours also.**

**1· So Jesus reminded them, of a word he had earlier spoken to them, that no slave is greater than his master. They should expect persecution of themselves, for the Jews had persecuted their master, and they would certainly persecute them also. Jesus then told them, that if people observed his word, then they would observe theirs also.**

**[Question]** What earlier spoken word of Jesus, did he now remind them of?

**[Question]** What should they come to expect, if the Jews mistreated and killed their master?

**[Question]** What would they experience from men who had observed Jesus' word to them?

**2· Happy are you when people reproach you and persecute you and lyingly say every sort of wicked thing against you for my sake. (Matthew 5:11)**

**[Question]** What did Jesus tell his disciples that they would experience, when under reproach and persecution, and how?

**3· And you will be objects of hatred by all people on account of my name, but he that has endured to the end is the one that will be saved. (Matthew 10:22)**

**[Question]** What did Jesus show that his disciples would become on account of his name, but who would be saved?

**4· Then people will deliver you up to tribulation and will kill you, and you will be objects of hatred by all the nations, on account of my name. (Matthew 24:9)**

**[Question]** What did Jesus show, that his disciples would be delivered up to, and how would the nations come to view them in time?

**5· In fact, all those desiring to live with godly devotion in association with Christ Jesus, will also be persecuted. (2 Timothy 3:12)**

**[Question]** What will all those desiring to live with godly devotion in association with Jesus Christ, experience?

- 6· **In fact, to this course you were called, because even Christ suffered for you, leaving you, a model, for you to follow his steps closely. (1 Peter 2:21)**

**[Question]** Into what course are all true Christians called, and whose model must they follow closely?

- 7· **Do not be afraid of the things you are about to suffer. Look! The Devil will keep on throwing some of you into prison that you may be fully put to the test, and that you may have tribulation ten days. Prove yourself faithful even to death, and I will give you the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)**

**[Question]** What did Jesus tell his disciples not to fear, for what would indeed happen to them?

**[Question]** What though, would Jesus give to those proving faithful unto death?

- 8· **A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his lord. (Matthew 10:24)**

**[Question]** What is a disciple or slave, never above?

- 9· **A pupil is not above his teacher, but everyone that is perfectly instructed, will be like his teacher. (Luke 6:40)**

**[Question]** What is a pupil never above?

**[Question]** What though, will anyone being perfectly instructed, become like?

- 10· **So on this account, the Jews went persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things during Sabbath. (John 5:16)**

**[Question]** Why did the Jews choose to persecute Jesus?

- 11· **Most truly I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one that is sent forth, greater than the one that sent him. (John 13:16)**

**[Question]** What is a slave always, in relation to his master, also a messenger, to the one sending him forth?

- 12· **About that particular time Herod the king applied his hands to mistreating some of those of the congregation. (Acts of**

**Apostles 12:1)**

**[Question]** What ruler, took to mistreating Christians in the **First Century C.E?**