

John 16:2~ **Men will expel you from the synagogue.¹ In fact, the hour is coming, when everyone that kills you, will imagine, he has rendered a sacred service² to God.**

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1· They were then told to expect major differences, for now instead of teaching in the synagogues of the Jews, as they had done for the last three and one half years, they would be expelled from these very same synagogues. In fact, Jesus stated that people, the Jews and others, imagining, that they were doing a sacred service to God, would kill them.

[Question] What kinds of changes were now coming upon their organization from the Jews?

[Question] What did Jesus then state, that some Jews would imagine, while they were killing Christians?

2· His parents said these things because they were in fear of the Jews, for the Jews had already come to an agreement that, if anyone confessed him as Christ, he should get expelled from the **synagogue. (John 9:22)**

[Question] How did the parents of a man Jesus healed, shy away from bearing witness, to what Jesus had done for their son, and why?

3· 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 tell his disciples to expect from men of the nations in the future, and did this actually come about later?

4· Saul, for his part, was approving of the murder of him. On that day great persecution arose against the congregation that was in Jerusalem, all except the apostles, were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria. (Acts of Apostles 8:1)

[Question] Who was Saul, and how did he mistreat Christians?

[Question] What did this cause for all the Christian congregation dwelling within Jerusalem, except the apostles?

- 5· He did away with James, the brother of John, by the sword. (Acts of Apostles 12:2)

[Question] How was John's brother James, later killed?

- 6· And by punishing them many times in all the **synagogues**, I tried to force them to make a recantation. Since I was extremely mad against them, I went so far, as to persecuting them even in outside cities. (Acts of Apostles 26:11)

[Question] What did Paul bear witness to, that he had done under authority of the High Priest?

- 7· So the men of the city said to Joash; Bring your son out that he may die, because he **has** pulled down the altar of Baal, and because he **has** cut down the **sacred** pole that was by it. (Judges 6:30)

[Question] How did men of Gideon's city feel after he tore down the altar of Baal?

- 8· There exists a way that is upright before a man, but the ways of death are the end of it afterward. (Proverbs 16:25)

[Question] Though men feel within themselves that their way is righteous, what does it end up in for all of them?

- 9· Everything I have seen during my vain days. There exists the righteous one perishing in his righteousness, and there exists the wicked one continuing long in his badness. (Ecclesiastes 7:15)

[Question] What disparity did the congregator see all around him in life?

- 10· Hear the word of Yehowah, you men who are trembling at his word; Your brothers that are hating you, that are excluding you by reason of my name, said; May Yehowah be glorified! He must also appear with rejoicing on your part, and they are the ones that **will** be put to shame. (Isaiah 66:5)

[Question] How did Isaiah show, that certain men would say in glorifying Yehowah God, while at the same time hating and excluding their brothers?

- 11· And as regards those having insight among the people, they **will** impart understanding to the many. And they **will** certainly be made to stumble by sword and by flame, by captivity, and by plundering, for some days. (**Daniel 11:33**)

[Question] What did Daniel show, that the ones having insight would impart to the others?

- 12· For this reason, here I am sending forth to you, prophets and wise men, and public instructors. Some of them you **will** kill and impale, and some of them you **will** scourge in your **synagogues**, and persecute from city to city. (**Matthew 23:34**)

[Question] Who did Jesus show, that he would send forth to the Jews, and how would the Jews treat all of them?

- 13· Happy are you whenever men hate you, and whenever they exclude you, and reproach you, and cast out your name as wicked, for the sake of the Son of man. (**Luke 6:22**)

[Question] Why would anointed Christians be happy, when persecuted and excluded by other men?

- 14· But before all these things people **will** lay their hands upon you and persecute you, delivering you up to the **synagogues** and prisons, you being haled before kings and governors, for the sake of my name. (**Luke 21:12**)

[Question] What did Jesus state, was to be forthcoming for his anointed Christian disciples?

- 15· In answer they said to him; You were altogether born in sins, and yet are you teaching us? And they threw him out! (**John 9:34**)

[Question] How did the arrogant Jews feel about a sinner teaching them?

- 16· All the same, many even of the rulers actually put faith in him, but because of the Pharisees they would not confess him, in order, not to be expelled from the **synagogue**. (**John 12:42**)

[Question] What did many of the rulers among the Jews put faith in, but why would they not do so publicly?

- 17· **And after throwing him outside the city, they began casting stones at him. And the witnesses laid down their outer garments at the feet of a young man called Saul. (Acts of Apostles 7:58)**

[Question] What did the Jews later do to Stephen, and who joined in killing Stephen?

- 18· **Which, in fact, I did in Jerusalem, and many of the holy ones I locked up in prisons, as I had received authority from the chief priests, and when they were to be executed, I cast my vote against them. (Acts of Apostles 26:10)**

[Question] How did Paul later bear witness, to what he had done in the past to true Christians?