

SERMON NOTES
November 28, 2021
“To Be Like Jesus”
Matthew 10:19 – 23

REVIEW:

+ The horrors and the blessings of persecution (vv.16-25):

- Persecution is:
 - ✓ **DANGEROUS** (v.16),
 - ✓ **HEARTBREAKING** (vv.21, 34-35), &
 - ✓ **LONELY** (v.22a).
- Persecution ...
 - ✓ ... helps **SPREAD** the Gospel (vv.17-20),
 - ✓ ... is the prelude **TO JOY** (v.22b),
 - ✓ ... **SHOWS** that we are **LIKE** Jesus (vv.24-25):

+ Responding to Persecution (vv.16-31):

- **EXERCISE** wisdom. v.16b
- **REFRAIN** from sin. v.16c
- **AVOID** worry. vv.19-20
- **FLEE** to safety. v.23

TO BE LIKE JESUS!

- Intentionally **EMULATE** the Master vv.24-25
 - ❖ A disciple is not above his teacher.
 - A disciple is to **LEARN** from his teacher.

The most obvious principle of discipleship is **SUBMISSION**

- ❖ A servant [slave] is not above his master.
 - A servant is to **SERVE** his master

The function of discipleship is **CLEARLY STATED** in Mt. 28:20

- Refuse to be **SILENT**. vv.26-27
 - ❖ God **VINDICATES** ...
- **FEAR** the heavenly judge more than earthly persecutors.
v.28
 - ❖ God **VENERATES** ...
- **REALIZE** God knows about your suffering. vv.29-30
- **BELIEVE** that God cares about your suffering. v.31
 - ❖ God **VALUES**

Beelzebul (also Beelzebub and Baalzebub) was a **DESPICABLE** deity – long used by Jesus as an epithet for **SATAN**.

CONCLUSION:

The call to discipleship is the call to be **LIKE** Christ – including being **TREATED** like Christ.

The lives of faithful saints are **ATTRACTIVE** to seekers.