



Great Expectations!

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Text: John 16:1-4

Passage Summary: While following Jesus comprises life's greatest calling, it can also lead to times and seasons that leave our hearts troubled!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that when following Jesus leads to a troubled heart, take Him at His Word! (16:1-4)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to taking Jesus at His Word...

- Believe that His _____ of things yet to come is given for the _____ of our faith! (v.1-4)

"All this I have told you so that you will not go astray."

John 16:1

"Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

Matthew 11:6

See how revelation lays the foundation for the preservation of our faith...

Expect opposition in the form of _____! (v.2a)

"They will put you out of the synagogue;"

John 16:2

Expect opposition in the form of _____! (v.2b)

"...in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God."

John 16:2

"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."

Matthew 10:28

Expect opposition that is _____ in _____! (v.3)

"They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me."

John 16:3

"Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'"

Luke 22:34

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him."

1 John 3:1

Remember: When it comes to taking Jesus at His Word, let His revelation concerning things to come turn _____ expectations into _____ expectations, for great expectations always see through to the heart of God and the greater work He has in store for the glory of His Name!

"On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria."

Acts 8:1

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine to live with great expectations in the face of opposition and adversity for the sake of Christ; don't expect it to be a _____ process, but expect the One Who overcame Satan, sin and death to be at work to _____ you in the process, allowing His light shine even brighter amidst the darkness for the glory of His Name!

"Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'"

John 6:68-69

"I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you."

John 16:4