

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

POWER & PERSECUTION

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EXERCISING SPIRITUAL POWER

Jesus gave the disciples power. **Matthew 10:1; Luke 10:17-20**

They were to go to the Israelites first. Jesus referred to them as sheep that had wandered astray. **Matthew 10:5-6**

The moment the Israelites had been waiting for had finally arrived. **verse 7**

The disciples were to back up their words with irrefutable action. **verse 8**

GOD WILL SUPPLY THE NEED

Jesus told them not to worry about money, clothing or accommodations. God's work, done God's way, will never lack God's supply. **verses 9-10**

Find a place to stay with someone of good character and stay there until it is time to move on. **verse 11**

HOW TO ACT

As a disciple of Jesus, greet every one of the household and stay there if they are friendly to the Gospel. **verses 12-13a**

Shaking the dust off their feet was symbolic of renouncing any further ties. **verses 13b-14**

Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by fire and molten sulfur for their wickedness but Jesus said it would be worse for the person, family and city that rejected the Gospel and its messengers. **verse 15**

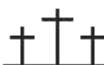
PERSECUTION

Wolves prey upon sheep. Snakes were seen as wise creatures in the ancient world and do their best to avoid danger. While most people are scared of snakes and prone to kill them, who would look upon a dove, an emblem of innocence and purity, and want to kill it? **verse 16**

Nevertheless, evil men will arrest and bring you before courts and even scourge you. The apostle Paul was whipped five separate times. **verse 17; 2 Corinthians 11:25**

Roman provincial governors such as Felix and Festas and kings like Herod, Herod Agrippa and Nero heard the Gospel. **verse 18**

When you are brought before these powerful men, you need not be anxious in trying to prepare a speech beforehand because the Holy Spirit will provide the words. **verses 19-20; Philippians 4:6-7**



TEARING APART FAMILIES

Man's sinful nature will tear apart the natural affection family members have for each other and their disagreement with the Gospel will lead them to betray and murder loved ones. **verse 21**

The world will hate you but keep your eyes on the eternal goal. **verse 22; 2 Timothy 4:6-8**

Persecution spreads the Gospel. **verse 23**

JESUS WAS HATED

Jesus is the teacher and we are the students. If the God haters make Jesus out to be the Devil, should you expect any less as a follower of Jesus? **verses 24-25**

We should not be afraid because God will judge every work. **verse 26**

Jesus at times taught the disciples privately but now He told them the time had come to share everything publicly. **verse 27**

DON'T MESS WITH GOD

It is one thing for humans to kill the fleshly body but what about God who is also able to destroy the body and soul? **verse 28**

GOD CARES FOR YOU

God knows the little details of your life. **verses 29-31**

KNOWING JESUS

If you're ashamed of Jesus, why should He claim you as His own? **verses 32-33**

The Gospel is not neutral; it is a sword that does not tolerate other religions. **verse 34; John 14:6**

Family members can live peaceably, but once the Gospel is proclaimed, it will cause division within the family for those who reject it. **verses 35-36**

It is the duty of children to love and honor their parents, but they are love God even more. Jesus is to be loved supremely or not at all. **verse 37**

The cross was an instrument of death that the criminal would carry to the place of execution. Don't be anxious to save this temporary life on earth. You have eternal life but you have to die to self. **verses 38-39; John 12:24-26**

You → Jesus → God the Father **verse 40**

Those who received the disciples also received Jesus and will be blessed by God with a reward that cannot be lost. **verses 41-42**