

Not of This World

Series: Ten Messages from John 17

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John 17:14 I have given them your word and the **world** has hated them, for they are not **of the world** any more than I am **of the world**. 15 My prayer is not that you take them **out of the world** but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not **of the world**, even as I am not of it.

What does the book of John say about “the world?”

John 1: 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was **coming into the world**. 10 He was **in the world**, and though the **world was made** through him, the **world did not recognize him**.

John 1: 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who **takes away the sin of the world!**”

John 3: 16 For God **so loved the world** that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son **into the world** to condemn the world, but to **save the world** through him. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

John 7: 7 The **world cannot hate you**, but it hates me because I testify that its works are evil.

John 8: 23 But he continued, “You are from below; I am from above. You are **of this world**; I am not **of this world**.”

John 12: 46 I have **come into the world as a light**, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

John 15: 18 “If the **world hates you**, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 If you **belonged to the world**, it would love you as its own. As it is, you **do not belong to the world**, but I have chosen **you out of the world**. That is why the world hates you.

John 16: 33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. **In this world you will have trouble**. But take heart! I have **overcome the world**.”

John 17: 6 “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me **out of the world**. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

(Later we will look at the effect disciples are to have on the world according to John 17)

WHEN JESUS SAYS “WORLD” WHAT IS HE THINKING?

1 John 2:15-17, 15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 16 For everything in the world—**the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life**—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

Notice the “world” concepts in these verses:

- 1) Jesus Made the World
 - 2) God So Loved the World
Purpose: To take away the Sin of the World
What is the world’s sin? “Lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, pride of life”
 - 3) God Sent His Son into the World
 - 4) Light Coming Into the World
 - 5) The World Did Not Recognize Jesus
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- 6) Jesus is NOT OF the World (He didn’t fit in)
 - 7) Jesus’ Enemies are OF the World
 - 8) Jesus Choses His Disciples Out of the World
 - 9) The World Hates Jesus and His Disciples
 - 10) Jesus’ Disciples do not Belong to the World
 - 11) The World Loves Those who Belong To It
 - 12) The Disciples are going to have Trouble in the World
 - 13) Jesus Has Overcome the World

Takeaways:

The World: Jesus made it
The World: Jesus loved it
The World: Jesus entered it
The World: Jesus illuminated it

The World: Didn't recognize Jesus
The World: Didn't embrace Jesus
The World: Hated Jesus
The World: Hated Jesus' disciples
The World: Going to cause trouble

The World: Jesus Has Overcome It

Jesus didn't fit in with the elite crowd, those who allowed their positions to dictate their worth. He did not fit into a world where people lived for themselves and ignored their Creator. He did not fit in with people who believed they did not need a savior, but acted as if they were good enough. Jesus did not fit in with the world's agenda of self-glorification, self-motivation, self-determination, self-actualization and self-propagation. Jesus did not fit in with weak and pointless agendas. He was not impressed by man's inventiveness. He was not tempted to adopt the world's way of thinking. He never was deceived by the shininess of the world's objects. He never let the world confuse him about what was right and wrong, valuable and invaluable. He loved the world, but he never fell in love with her. He got out of it before it passed away.