

IT WILL COST US TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Acts 12

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Personal Notes on the Text:

SOME OBSERVATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

1. THE FIRST CENTURY CHRISTIANS WERE NOT
SURPRISED AT _____ AND
_____.

[Jesus]: "*Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.*" **John 15:20**

[John]: "*Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you.*"
1 John 3:13 (ESV)

[Peter]: "*Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.*"
1 Peter 4:12-19 (NIV)

MAKE IT PERSONAL

AS I WORK WITH GOD TO CHANGE THE WORLD,
I WILL BE OPPOSED BY THE _____,
THE _____, AND THE _____.

2. THE EARLY DISCIPLES FACED OPPOSITION AND PERSECUTION WITH _____ and _____.

"So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him."
Acts 12:5 (NIV)

"I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world." **John 17:14-21 (ESV)**

MAKE IT PERSONAL

LORD, HELP ME _____.

"These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."
John 16:33 (NASB)

3. THE DISCIPLES OF ACTS _____ TO CHANGE THE WORLD .

[Jesus]: *"...The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." ²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."*
Luke 9:22-23 (ESV)

"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me."
John 15:18-21 (ESV)

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