

SCRIPTURE READING - John 15B (NIV)

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.

20 Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.'

If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.

21 They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. **23** Whoever hates me hates my Father as well.

24 If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my Father.

25 But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'

26 “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. **27** And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

What To Do When The World Hates You

John 15:18-27

PULL APART



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LOVE.

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1) Don't take it personally

Jesus prepares his closest followers and friends for the opposition and challenge they **will** face with stark logic.

Because THEY'RE now deeply connected to Jesus - whatever HE faced, THEY'D face.

“If A, then B”

Hate/Persecution

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20B If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.

Belonging/Love/Obedience

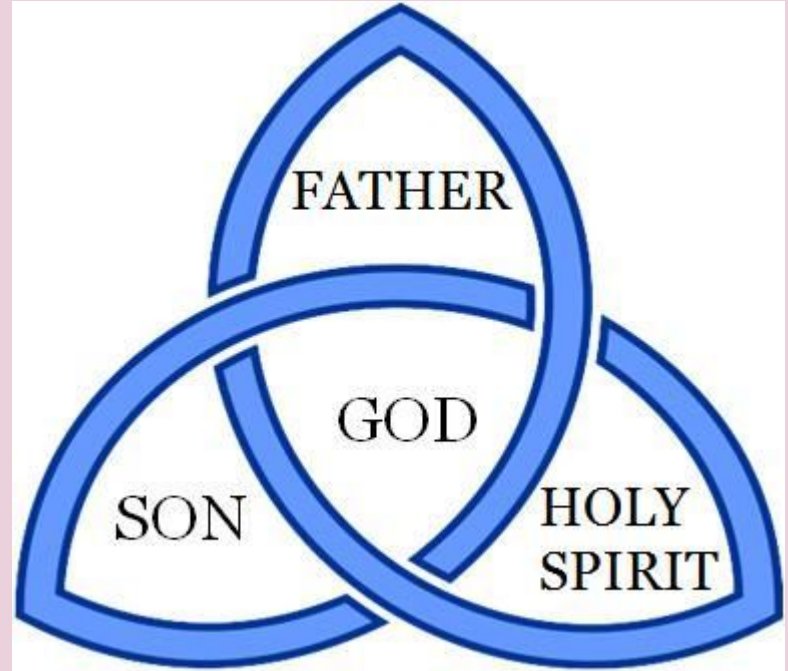
19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own.

20C If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.

They hated Jesus...and the Father too

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24B As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my Father.



2) “The world” would have no excuse for their sin

V 22

If I had not come and **spoken to them**, they would not be guilty of sin.

Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin

V 24 A

If I had not **done among them what no one else did**, they would not be guilty of sin.

V 24 B

But now **they have seen** those miracles

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Jesus is referring SPECIFICALLY to

- the Jewish leaders
- Roman authorities
- members of the crowd

Who COULD HAVE become co-lovers of God with Jesus...

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE APOSTLES AND WHERE ARE THEIR REMAINS TODAY?



ST. JAMES THE GREATER

DEATH
Stabbed with a sword

REMAINS
St. James Church
Compostela, Spain



ST. JAMES THE LESSER

DEATH
Stoned to death

REMAINS
Holy Apostles Basilica
Rome, Italy



ST. JUDE THADDEUS

DEATH
Filled with arrows

REMAINS
St. Peter's Basilica
Rome, Italy



ST. PHILIP

DEATH
Crucified by soldiers

REMAINS
Holy Apostles Basilica
Rome, Italy



ST. THOMAS

DEATH
Thrust with a spear

REMAINS
Basilica of St. Thomas
the Apostle, Ortona, Italy



ST. PAUL

DEATH
Beheaded in Rome

REMAINS
St. Paul's Church
Rome, Italy



ST. PETER

DEATH
Crucified upside down

REMAINS
St. Peter's Basilica
Rome, Italy



ST. JOHN

DEATH
Died a natural death

REMAINS
Basilica of St. John
Ephesus, Turkey



ST. MATTHEW

DEATH
Stabbed with a sword

REMAINS
Cathedral of Salerno
Salerno, Italy



JUDAS ISCARIOT
THE TRAITOR

DEATH
Comitted suicide after
betraying Jesus



ST. SIMON

DEATH
Crucified

REMAINS
Altar of the Crucifixion
Vatican City



ST. BARTHOLOMEW

DEATH
Flayed and beheaded

REMAINS
St. Bartholomew Church
Rome, Italy



ST. ANDREW

DEATH
Crucified on X shaped cross

REMAINS
Cathedral of Amalfi
Amalfi, Italy



ST. MATTHIAS

DEATH
Crucified in Judea

REMAINS
St. Matthias' Abbey
Trier, Germany

WHY?

V 25 But this is to fulfill what is written in their law:

“they hated me without reason”

(Psalm 35:19, Psalm 69:5)

V 21 They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me.

Ignorance

- Actually don't know
- Not capable of understanding
- Capable but not willing to understand

[FATHER FORGIVE THEM...FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO]

Christianity illegal, punishable by death.

Christians refused to practice annual Caesar worship which unified the Roman empire (certificate for burning incense) - nonconformist

Christians mistakenly viewed as cannibals (sacraments), immoral (kiss of peace), incendiaries(2nd coming)

‘Tampered with family relationships’ (not peace but a sword)

May
June
July
August
2020



WHERE
is there evidence of the world's
hatred of Christ's followers today?

What to do when the world hates you?

LOVE.

4 Hugs = Survival
8 Hugs = Maintenance
12 Hugs = GROWTH



<https://www.healthline.com/health/hugging-benefits>

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John 15: 20

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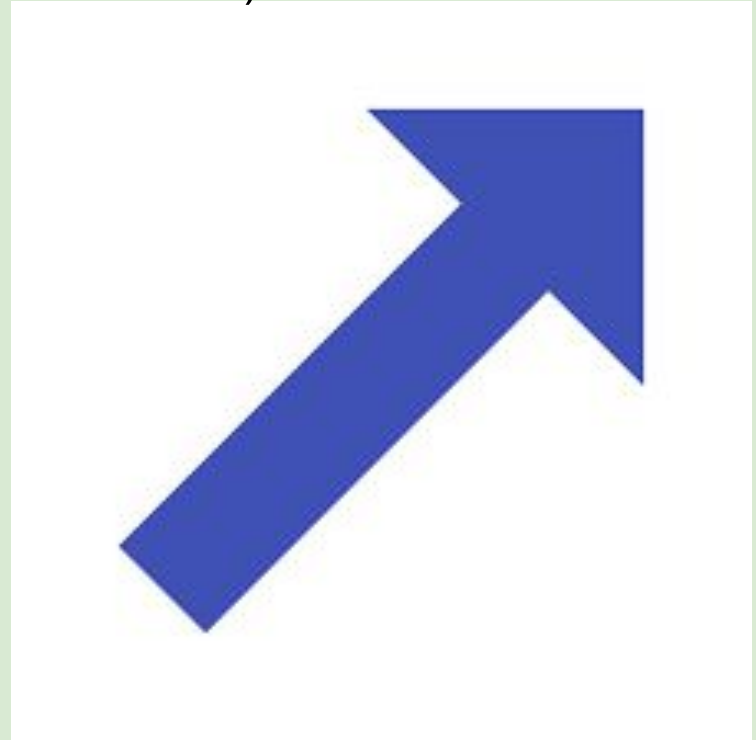
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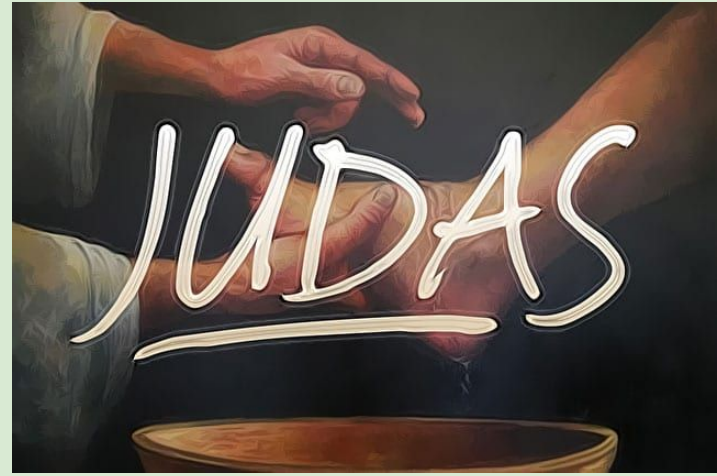


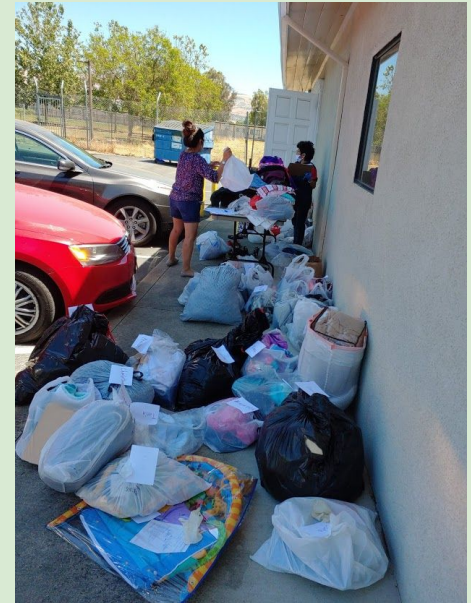
THE INCARNATION: “swooping action”

JESUS Going from God (to Us) Back to God

JESUS Going from Table (to Washbasin) Back to Table







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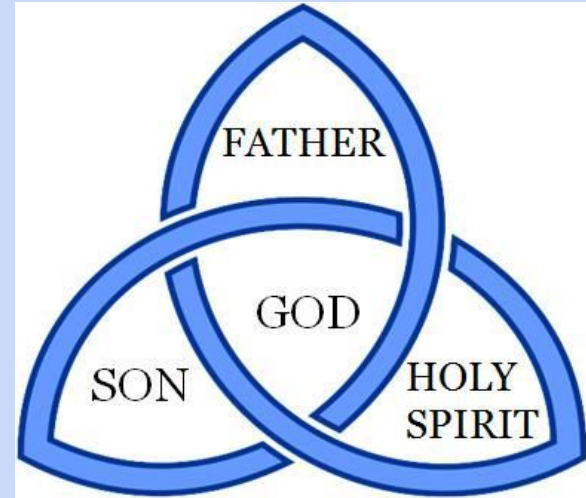
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22 Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

23 Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. **My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.**

24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. **These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.**

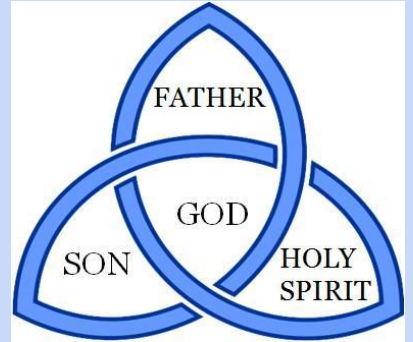


John 14B - Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

15 “If you love me, keep my commands. **16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth.**

The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.**

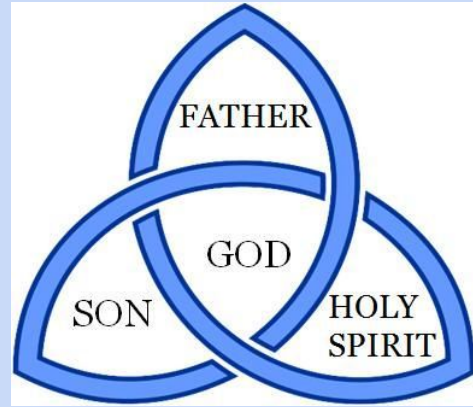
18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.



19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

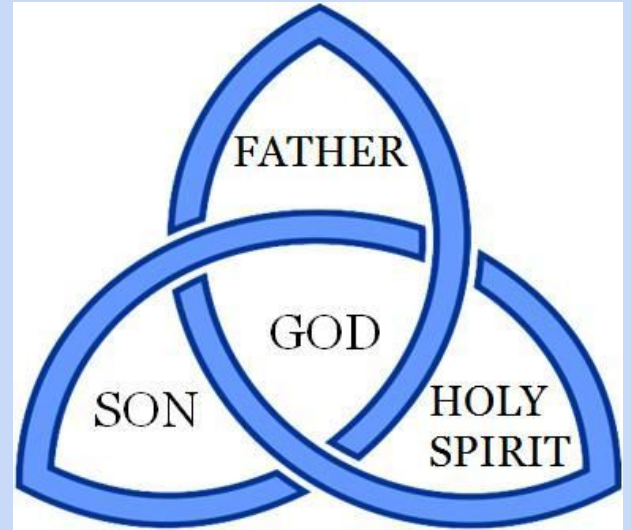
21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. **The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."**



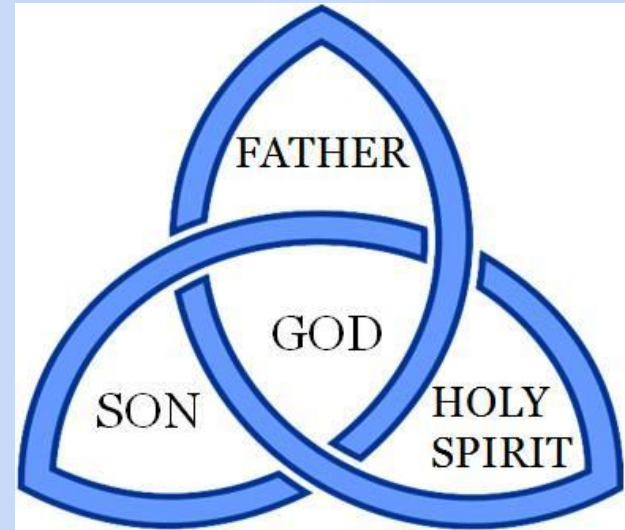
25 "All this I have spoken while still with you.

26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

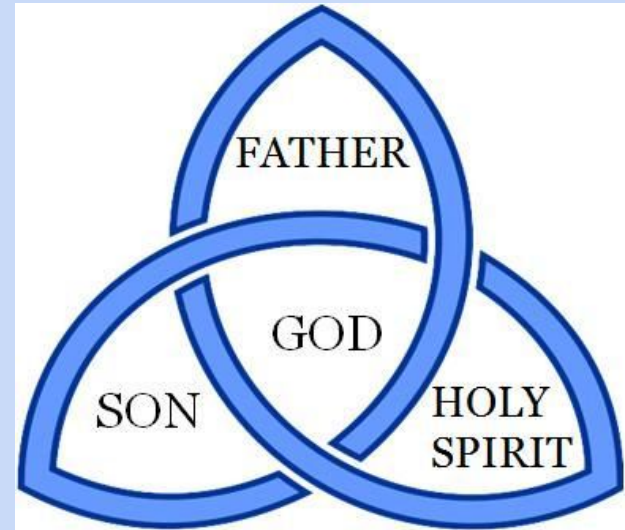
27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



28 “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ **If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.** **29** I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.



30 I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, **31** but he comes so that the world may learn that **I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.**



Allow Yourself To Be Drawn Into the Trinitarian Bear Hug of God

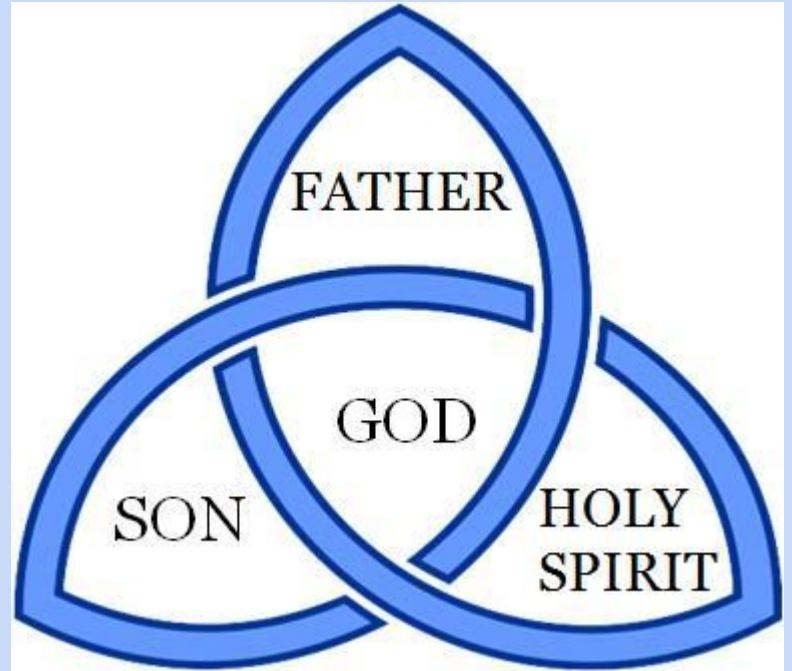
THEY get along

THEY don't hate each other

They don't COMPETE

THERE is only LOVE.

Giving and taking... sending and coming... Revealing each other... They follow each other's lead...





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JELLY ROLL

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CLOSING PRAYER

God, help us to TESTIFY of what we've SEEN and HEARD and EXPERIENCED of YOU that is MOST REAL.

God, let it be our PRIVILEGE and our TASK to be witnesses for you in the world -- to choose to be God-LOVERS and not God-HATERS...

Give us the personal intimacy with Christ and the inner conviction -- which issues forth in authentic, vulnerable OUTWARD TESTIMONY -- so that others may KNOW Christ and Want to SHARE ABOUT HIM ALSO.

THANK YOU that you SENT your disciples the ADVOCATE, the SPIRIT OF TRUTH, to TESTIFY about you. And AS THEY TESTIFIED -- SO HELP US BE FILLED with MORE of your HOLY SPIRIT TO COMPEL OUR WITNESS FOR YOU in this world.