



We've watched the world rapidly change before our eyes. The change has impacted life, organizations, economics, schools, jobs and even churches. Fear paralyzed many. What does the future hold?

B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front): *Jesus offers you a life on earth of persecution in trade for an eternity of joy and peace.*

Jesus taught this message consistently:

- 1) Sending apostles 1 and ½ years earlier – Matthew 10:1, 16-42
- 2) In two days in the Upper Room – John 13:1, 27; 15:18-16:4
- 3) In 35 years near Paul's death – 2 Timothy 3:10-12

Context: We established the context in the last message. It is Tuesday late afternoon and as Jesus leads His apostles back to Bethany they pause on the Mt. Of Olives to admire the Temple. Jesus makes a statement. The apostles ask questions. Jesus unfolds the future.

1. Five L About Persecution v. 12-17

- 1) There Will be T of Persecution – v. 12
Martyr's Mirror, Voice of the Martyrs
- 2) Persecution Provides E Opportunities – v. 13
Philippians 1:12-13
- 3) Trust God for the R you Need – v. 14-15a
- 4) Your Persecutor will be S by Your Response – v. 15b
- 5) You will Experience Times When You Will be B by Family & Friends – v. 16-17

2. H When Facing Persecution v. 18-19

- 1) Your Persecutors Cannot D You v. 18
- 2) Your Endurance is Your V v. 19



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