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Everyone Will Hate You Because of Me, But Not a Hair of Your Head Will Perish
Mark 13:9-13 and Luke 21:12-19
Late in the afternoon on Wednesday the thirteenth of Nisan

Everyone will hate you because of Me, but not a hair of your head will perish DIG: Who would first reject the apostles? But before they died, what must happen first? How were they to act when they were arrested? Why? How would their families and friends act? But what assurance did they receive?

REFLECT: When was the last time you were persecuted for the sake of the Lord? If you have never suffered persecution, what could that be saying about you? Are you on your guard? Are you helping the Gospel to be preached to all nations? That you know of, does anyone hate you because of your stand for Christ?

Having provided an answer to **the third question** regarding the sign of the end of the age, **Jesus** then gave **a near historical prophecy** to describe some personal experiences that **His talmidim** would encounter. So here, **Luke** clearly states that **before all this** worldwide persecution will occur, **the apostles themselves** will undergo persecution after **Messiah** had left **them** and returned to **the Father**.

First, the Jews will reject them. **Yeshua** said: **They will seize you and persecute you.** This turns the attention of **the Twelve** from the worldwide events just described to themselves. **You must be on your guard**. **Must** means *to take precaution, lest persecution cause you to disavow Christ*. **John** said it like this: **Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God;** but **whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son (Second John 1:8-9). The talmidim** would be rejected by both Jews and Gentiles. The Jews **will hand you**

over to the [Lesser] Sanhedrins (**to see link click Lg – The Great Sanhedrin**) **and put you in prison, and** secondly, the Gentiles **will** bring **you before kings and governors on account of My name. This will result in** an opportunity for ministry, for **you** will be **witnesses to them and bear testimony to Me (Mark 13:9; Luke 21:12-13).**



And the Gospel must first be preached to all nations (Mark 13:10). Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world (Romans 10:18; Colossians 1:6 and **23). All over the world this Gospel is bearing fruit and growing. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven (Colossians 1:6a** and **23b).**

Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say or how you will defend yourselves. For [the Holy Spirit] will reveal to you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. It will not **be you speaking, but the Holy Spirit (Mark 13:11; Luke 21:14-15).**

The breaking of the ties of natural affection will be another trial **the apostles** will have to face. **They** will be rejected by **their families** because of **the Messiah**. **You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death (Mark 13:12; Luke 21:16).** Only a fanatical hatred of **the Gospel** could bring about unnatural behavior such as these verses describe. We do not like to think that persecution is a major vehicle for proclaiming **the gospel**, but it is. **Peter**, **James**, **John** and Andrew proved the point themselves in **the book of Acts** and in the unwritten history of their missionary ventures and martyrdom.[1328]



Everyone will hate you because of Me. These words are distinctively Jewish. Only the Jews have been or ever will be the global object of hatred. **But not a hair of your head will perish** during **their** earthly ministry**.** When **their** earthly ministry was completed, however, all were martyred except **John** who died a natural death around 98 AD and Judas who hung himself (see **Lm – Judas Hangs Himself**). **By standing firm, their** salvation is assured (see **Ms – The Eternal Security of the Believer**). Because of **their** faithfulness **Jesus** promises that **they will gain** eternal **life (Mark 13:13; Luke 21:17-19).**