

August 5

*I have given them (Jesus' followers) thy (God's) Word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (John 17:14)*

Many people of His day disliked Jesus because His goodness exposed their lack of obedience to God's principles. Jesus knew His followers would find this to be true in their lives also. 1 John 3:13

*Color the picture*

### REJECTION AT NAZARETH



"I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown."

LUKE 4:24

Match the citation to the correct verse. All scriptures are quoted from the ERV.

James 4:4	John 15:19	2 Corinthians 5:17	John 17:16
Romans 12:2	Philippians 3:20	Colossians 3:2	

\_\_\_\_\_ “They don't belong to the world, just as I don't belong to the world.”

\_\_\_\_\_ “Don't change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but let God change you inside with a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to understand and accept what God wants for you. You will be able to know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect.”

\_\_\_\_\_ “If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as it loves its own people. But I have chosen you to be different from those in the world. So you don't belong to the world, and that is why the world hates you.”

\_\_\_\_\_ “But the government that rules us is in heaven. We are waiting for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, to come from there.”

\_\_\_\_\_ “Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” (ESV)

\_\_\_\_\_ “You people are not faithful to God! You should know that loving what the world has is the same as hating God. So anyone who wants to be friends with this evil world becomes God's enemy.”

\_\_\_\_\_ “When anyone is in Christ, it is a whole new world. The old things are gone; suddenly, everything is new!”

Answer the following questions as they apply to you. Discuss with an adult what each question might mean to them also.

1. What do you think Jesus meant when He said His followers are “not of the world”? (How is that different from saying we don’t live in the world?)
2. What are some ways people today feel pressure to act like “the world”? (At school, online, with friends, or in sports.)
3. What might it look like to be “in the world” but still follow Jesus every day? (At school, at home, or on social media.)
4. Why do you think Jesus prayed about this for His followers instead of taking them out of the world? (What purpose might God have for us here?)
5. What is one choice you can make this week that shows you belong to God even while living in the world? (Encourage practical, realistic answers.)