

## Why the World Hates Christians pt 3

John 15:18–25 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> 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 keep yours also. <sup>21</sup> But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. <sup>22</sup> If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup> He who hates Me hates My Father also. <sup>24</sup> If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. <sup>25</sup> But *this happened* that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, ‘*They hated Me without a cause.*’

# Introduction

When we were in Kenya last year, I had the privilege to meet Noel Night. A former South Sudanese Pastor who had been beaten nearly to death for his opposition to the injustices perpetrated by the government. When I met him, he had made remarkable progress back from almost sure death.

To understand what had happened, you need a little context. South Sudan was created through a peaceful referendum in 2011. But over the next 2 years, serious ideological differences developed between President Salvar Kir and the former Vice President Rieck Machar. These differences would eventually spill out in violence and turmoil and still do to this date. It developed into a War of political and tribal powers.

There are 2 major Tribes, the Dinka and Nuer and then there are 64 minority tribes. Dinka is the largest Tribe and is where the President Kir is from.

The turmoil finally reached an apex when the Former Vice President was ejected from the country by military force from orders of the President.

On December 10th 2017, Noel was on way home from church. He had walked about half way, when a black Toyota with dark tinted windows stopped about 30 Meters ahead. As he walked by, 2 men got out of the vehicle, with guns and ask if he was Noel Night. He replied yes and they then said he was under arrest. They would say why and they would say who they were.

They ordered Noel into the vehicle, He refused. At that moment he heard one of the men inside the vehicle cocking his gun and the other 2 did the same.

He said, "I was terrified".

They hit me in the back as I got in the vehicle which made me fall hard inside. After inside, I was hit in the head with the back of a rifle and they immediately tied my legs and hands behind my back, blindfolded me and made me lie face down. The 2 men placed their heavy boots on me and continued to beat me with the guns all over my body.

When we reach the destination, they threw me in a cell and started beating me again, although now it was much worse. I was still blindfolded as the continued with the beatings. My mouth and nose bled profusely. My neck, throat, ribs and back

severely swollen. I was then moved to what I called the torture chamber. All my clothes except my underwear were removed.

They sat me in a metal chair that clamped my neck, hands and legs. I remained there for 2 days as they repeatedly tortured me with beatings, slaps, fists, kicks from sticks and guns.

It was at this point that they started asking me where I was working. Noel said he was a pastor of a church in Juba. They rejected what he said and continued with the beatings all night.

At 4 am, another man came in and said that if Noel did not tell them where he was working, or they would kill him.

He was so severely beaten, causing him to be tired, frustrated and depressed that He told them that they could go ahead and kill him. He requested that if they do it, to kill him by the road and leave his body to be found by family members.

The man left and then about 8 am, another man comes and slaps him twice and orders him to give the information they requested because his boss had come to get it.

Noel kept quiet. He ask 5 more times, yet Noel said nothing.

The Boss came then and told Noel that he had been apprehended because he was preaching against the injustices of the government and for their killing of rebels in the St. Andrew Parish.

I spoke out when the government soldiers came to my home village and killed 173 people including my mother, brother and sister in 3 hours time.

Noel says to this day, he feels disturbed at a sudden bang or loud noises. He's uncomfortable when a vehicle stops behind him or in front of him. He still has fear of being arrest anytime he is a church.

His wife suffered untold amounts of bad treatment while hiding in the bush with their children.

When I left Kenya, we gave what monies we had left to help feed his family. I gave him my books, my Bible, all my clothes except enough for me to get back and the pharmacy of medication my wife had pack for our trip.

He was a pastor and he simply spoke out against what was obviously wrong.

When he shared his story with me, I could not help but think of

1 Peter 2:19–21 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. <sup>20</sup> For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

His is one of 100s of stories like this that speak to the reality of persecution for righteousness sake.

Ours is world that has the devil as its God and evil as its good.

We should always pray to remain faithful but never be shocked when the world hates us.

## **Lesson.**

The World hates you.....

1. Because of the Root
2. Because of the Residence
3. Because of the Reality
4. Because of the Rejection
5. Because of the Responsibility
6. Because of the Relationship
7. Because of the Revelation

## 1. Because of the Root

<sup>18</sup> “If the world hates you,  
you know that it hated Me  
before *it hated* you.

Ει ο κοσμος υμας μισει  
γινωσκετε οτι εμε  
πρωτον υμων μεμισηκεν

## 2. Because of the Residence

<sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

## 3. Because of the Reality

<sup>20</sup> 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 keep yours also.

## 4. Because of the Rejection

John 15:21 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.



## 5. Because of the Responsibility

<sup>22</sup> If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup> He who hates Me hates My Father also. <sup>24</sup> If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.

These verses speak of personal responsibility and that there Hatred of Christ and of God is that much more severe due to the Revelation of Christ.

There are 3 things or events that make unbelievers much more responsible for there Hatred of Christ.

- 1. His Incarnation**
- 2. His Proclamation**
- 3. His Manifestation**

First, some **grammatical explanation**

22 **If** I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin,

**ΕΙ** μη ηλθον και ελαλησα αυτοις αμαρτιαν ουκ ειχον νυν

24 **If** I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin;

**ΕΙ** τα εργα μη εποιησα εν αυτοις α ουδεις αλλος πεποιηκεν αμαρτιαν ουκ ειχον

Both of these sentences are Conditional first class.

**They had not had sin** (ἀμαρτιαν οὐκ εἶχσαν [*hamartian ouk eichosan*]). Conclusion of condition of second class without ἂν [*an*] because context makes it clear (νυν δε [*nun de*]) without it (Robertson, *Grammar*, p. 1013)

Robertson, A. T. (1933). [\*Word Pictures in the New Testament\*](#) (Jn 15:22). Nashville, TN: Broadman Press.

*β) Determined as Unfulfilled.* In this somewhat difficult condition only past tenses of the ind. occur. The premise is assumed to be contrary to fact. The thing in itself may be true, but it is *treated* as untrue. Here again the condition has only to do with the *statement*, not with the actual fact. A good illustration is found in Lu. 7:39 οὗτος εἶ ἦν ὁ προφήτης, ἐγίνωσκεν ἂν. The Pharisee here assumes that Jesus is not a prophet because he allowed the sinful woman to wash his feet

Robertson, A. T. (2006). [\*A Grammar of the Greek New Testament in the Light of Historical Research\*](#) (p. 1012). Logos Bible Software.

So the way to read and understand these 2 verses is:

22. If it were true, that I had not come and spoken to them, they would have not sin.

24. If it were true, I had not done the works which no one else did, then they would have no sin. But the emphasis of the verses are that

I did come

I did speak

I did work

and because I did, your responsible for your sin of rejection and hatred....even more so.

Each point of these verses magnifies the culpability of the sinner for his hatred of Christ and God.

### **1. His Incarnation**

<sup>22</sup> If I had not come....

they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

had come

this is a incarnational term.. In John if most often refers to the salvation mission of Christ.

**John 3:17 (NKJV)**

17 ...**God did not send His Son into the world** ...  
that the world through Him might be saved.

**John 3:19** (NKJV)

19 .... **the light has come into the world,**

**John 12:47** (NKJV)

47..... **I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.**

**Matthew 18:11** (NKJV)

11 For the **Son of Man has come to save** that which was lost.

Matthew 20:28–29 (NKJV)

28 just as the **Son of Man did not come to be served,** but to serve, **and to give His life a ransom for many.”**

**The Reality of this is affirmed in the fact that...**

**Even though**

John 1:14 (NKJV)

14 **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,** and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:18(NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> No one has seen God at any time. **The only begotten Son,** who is in the bosom of the Father, **He has declared Him.**

John 1:10–11 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup> **He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.**

### **The Reason for their Rejection is seen in**

John 3:19–20 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> **And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.** <sup>20</sup> **For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.**

### **The Reality of their Responsibility is seen in**

John 9:29–40 (NKJV)

<sup>29</sup> We know that God spoke to Moses; *as for* this fellow, **we do not know where He is from.**”

<sup>30</sup> The man answered and said to them, “Why, this is a marvelous thing, that **you do not know where He is from;** yet He has opened my eyes!

**33** If this Man were not **from God,** He could do nothing.”

<sup>34</sup> They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “**Do you believe in the Son of God?**”

<sup>36</sup> He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”

<sup>37</sup> And Jesus said to him, “**You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.**”

<sup>38</sup> Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him.

<sup>39</sup> And Jesus said, “**For (Εἰς, into with a result) judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.**”

Jesus, is building spiritual truth  
on physical reality.

First, this not a contradiction of  
John 3:17 (NKJV)

**17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.**

The mission was to save, not judge... but the fact that grace is given means sin is judged.

When one rejects Jesus salvation, he brings condemnation on himself.

The Goal of the 1st coming was to save.

judgments occur by default, due to rejection of Jesus.

The Goal of the coming is Judgment.

That is why is says

v. 39 **“For (Eίς, into with a result) judgment I have come into this world,**

When light shows up, darkness scatters. These natural reactions of sinners to light occur when Jesus comes.

**39 And Jesus said, “For (Eίς, into with a result) judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”**

Let me render what the verse is saying.

“Jesus has by coming into the world, forgiven the sins (made to see ) of those who are willing to admit they are sinners (blind)

And those who believe they are righteous and see and have no sin are condemned and made blind.

<sup>40</sup> Then *some* of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, “Are we blind also?”

Are we condemned and sinners also???

<sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see.’ Therefore your sin remains.

“If you were willing to admit your sin and need for Christ, you would be forgiven and have no sin. But since you still say we are righteous and have no need for Christ Your sin is unforgiven!!!”

As John Calvin explained,



He ...who,(is) aware of his own blindness, seeks a remedy to cure his disease. In this way the meaning (of this text) will be, “If you would acknowledge your disease, it would not be altogether incurable; but now because you think that you are in perfect health, you continue in a desperate state.” He ... means that the disease may easily be cured, when it is truly felt; because, when a *blind* man is desirous to obtain deliverance, God is ready to assist him; but they who, insensible to their diseases, despise the grace of God, are incurable. (*Commentary on the Gospel According to John*, translated by

William Pringle [Grand Rapids: Baker, 2003], 393. Italics in original.)  
MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2006). *John 1-11* (p. 417). Chicago: Moody Press.

There rejection of the claims of Christ are intensified by the the things he said and He did.

- 1. His Incarnation**
- 2. His Proclamation**
- 3. His Manifestation**

## 2. His Proclamation

<sup>22</sup> If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

John 12:48–50 (NKJV)

<sup>48</sup> He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. <sup>49</sup> For I have not spoken on My own *authority*; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. <sup>50</sup> And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

John 14:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

John 14:24 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.

### Luke 11:31–32 (NKJV)

<sup>31</sup> The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon *is* here. <sup>32</sup> The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here.

### Matthew 7:28–29 (NKJV)

<sup>28</sup> And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, <sup>29</sup> for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

### John 7:46 (NKJV)

<sup>46</sup> The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!”

### Hebrews 2:1–4 (NKJV)

**2** Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. <sup>2</sup> For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast,

and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, <sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*, <sup>4</sup> God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

**22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.**

If I had not come, there would less accountability but since I have come and spoken, there is more accountability and also, there is NO excuse for sin.

### **no excuse**

**prophasis: a pretense**

**Original Word:** πρόφασις, εως, ή

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

**Transliteration:** prophasis

**Phonetic Spelling:** (prof'-as-is)

**Definition:** a pretense

**Usage:** a pretext, an excuse.

**No justification or excuse for there sin of unbelief.**

Luke 12:47–48 (NKJV)

<sup>47</sup> And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*. <sup>48</sup> But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

Romans 2:11–16 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> For there is no partiality with God.

<sup>12</sup> For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law <sup>13</sup> (for not the hearers of the law *are* just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; <sup>14</sup> for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, <sup>15</sup> who show the work of the

law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*) <sup>16</sup> in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

- 1. His Incarnation**
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<sup>24</sup> If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.

John 3:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

### John 5:36 (NKJV)

<sup>36</sup> But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.

### John 11:47–48 (NKJV)

<sup>47</sup> Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, “What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. <sup>48</sup> If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation.”

### John 12:37 (NKJV)

<sup>37</sup> But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him,

### Matthew 9:33 (NKJV)

<sup>33</sup> And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!”

### Matthew 11:3–5 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> *The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.*”

The reality of these verse is sobering. The magnification of sin due to the exposure to light is staggering.

The more you know the more accountable you are. The more you see the more responsible you are.

The greatest times of Revelation that may bring regeneration or Reformation or Revival also bring with it a great wait fo responsibility.

There has never been a time historically when more information and Revelation about God has been given than during the time of the incarnation of Christ.

This even supersedes the time of Adam and Eve walking with God in the Garden before the fall. Although God was with them, miracles had ceased.



The Creative work had finished. They were witness to God, and heard his word, but had not witnessed miracles.

Jesus however, comes and takes on human flesh, and is the image of the invisible God, who is the express image of His Person. He comes speaking the words and wisdom of God and doing miracles, signs and wonders. Profound supernatural, creative, life giving miracles, with no explanation except God. So those who hate Christ, hate him at great cost. Greater than many who never saw, or never heard or never read the Word's of God.

Matthew 11:20–24 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent: <sup>21</sup> “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup> But I say to you that it shall

be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.”

Matthew 10:14–15 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. <sup>15</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

Hebrews 6:1–9 (NKJV)

**6** Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup> of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup> And this we will do if God permits.

<sup>4</sup> For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, <sup>6</sup> if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for

themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.

<sup>7</sup> For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; <sup>8</sup> but if it bears thorns and briers, *it is* rejected and near to being cursed, whose end *is* to be burned.

<sup>9</sup> But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.

#### Hebrews 10:26–31 (NKJV)

<sup>26</sup> For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, <sup>27</sup> but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on *the testimony of two or three witnesses*. <sup>29</sup> Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

<sup>30</sup> For we know Him who said, "*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,*" says the Lord. And again, "*The Lord will*

*judge His people.”* <sup>31</sup> It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

## 5. Because of the Responsibility

## 6. Because of the Relationship

John 15:21–24 (NKJV)

**21** But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

**23** He who **hates** Me hates My Father also.

**24** If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; **but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.**

**hates** **miseó:** to hate P.A Part

**Original Word:** μισέω

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** miseó

**Phonetic Spelling:** (mis-eh'-o)

**Definition:** to hate

**Usage:** I hate, detest, love less, esteem less.

3404 miséō – properly, to detest (on a comparative basis); hence, denounce; to love someone or something less than someone (something) else, i.e. to renounce one choice in favor of another.

**24** If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.

have hated and continue to hate.

\_\_\_ The reason the world hates Christians is because they hate the God of the Bible which means they hate Jesus Christ and those who identify with him.

What ever attitude you have toward Christ, you have toward God.

Jesus repeatedly emphasized the truth that the one **who hates Him hates the Father also.** To those

who were outraged because He called God His Father,

Jesus replied, “He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him” (John 5:23).

John 7:28 records that “Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, ‘You both know Me and know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.’ ”

In John 8:19 He said to His Jewish opponents, “You know neither Me nor My Father; if you knew Me, you would know My Father also.”

In verse 42 He added, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.”

Later He said, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God’; and you have not come to know Him” (John 8:54–55).

After warning the disciples that they would be persecuted, Jesus said of their persecutors, “These things they will do because they have not known the Father or Me” (John 16:3).

He prayed to the Father, “O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You” (John 17:25).

Echoing the Lord’s words, John wrote in his first epistle, “Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father” (1 John 2:23).

The truth is that if men had understood who Jesus was, “they would not have crucified the Lord of glory” (1 Cor. 2:8).

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2008). [John 12-21](#) (pp. 175–176). Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers. The World hates you.....

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John 15:25 (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> *But this happened* that the word might be fulfilled which is written in

their law, *‘They hated Me **without a cause.**’*

***without a cause.’***

**dórean:** as a gift, to no purpose

**Original Word:** δωρεάν

**Part of Speech:** Adverb

**Transliteration:** dórean

**Phonetic Spelling:** (do-reh-an')

**Definition:** as a gift, to no purpose

**Usage:** as a free gift, without payment, freely. Cognate: 1432 dōreán (the adverbial form of 1431/dōrea) – **something freely done (as gratis), i.e. without "cause"; unearned (undeserved);** freely given (without cost) hence not done out of mere obligation or compulsion. [See 1431](#) (dōrea).

The world’s hatred of Jesus, though reprehensible and inexcusable, was not outside of God’s sovereign plan. **They have done this,** Jesus declared, **to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, “They hated Me without a cause.”** The Lord quoted from two Davidic psalms, 35:19 and 69:4. His point is that if David, a mere man,



could be so hated by his enemies, how much more the sinless Son of God? The world hated Jesus because He exposed their sin and confronted them with the reality of who He is. But in light of Jesus' words and works, there was and is no valid **cause** to hate Him. That the world continues to do so graphically reveals the vileness of sin.

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2008). [\*John 12-21\*](#) (p. 176). Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers.

### Acts 4:25–28 (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> who by the mouth of Your servant David have said:

*‘Why did the nations rage,  
And the people plot vain things?’*

<sup>26</sup> *The kings of the earth took their stand,  
And the rulers were gathered together  
Against the Lord and against His Christ.’*

<sup>27</sup> “For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together <sup>28</sup> to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.

## Acts 2:23 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

The reality is that the worst possible evil every thought up by man, to murder the Son of God, was used by God to accomplish the greatest Good that has and will bring Glory to God for all Eternity through the salvation of souls of men who were know at one time as haters of God.