

**“THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH IN THIS AGE OF PERSECUTION”
(John 16:1-15)**

I. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)

II. THE INTRODUCTION: WITNESSING ABOUT JESUS CHRIST (1:19-51)

III. THE SIGNS SECTION: PROVING THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST (2:1-12:50)

IV. THE LAST DISCOURSE: TEACHING FOR THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST (13:1-17:26)

A. Christ’s PROMISE of Coming PERSECUTION (16:1-6)

1. The phrase _____ (v.1) indicates that the coming persecution promised to believers in John 16:1-6 is based on the _____ of Christ and believers (John 15:18-27)

** What kind of persecution does this passage specifically predict (v.2)?*

** Has this occurred throughout Church history?*

** What can you learn from this persecution?*

** What is the reason for this persecution (v. 4)?*

2. The purpose of Christ telling us these things in advance is so that we would not _____.
(John 16:1, 4)

B. Christ’s PROMISE of the Coming PARAKLETOS (16:7-15)

1. For believers, the Holy Spirit’s ministry is to our _____. (16:7)

** What are His ministries today and why are they so important?*

** Does the Holy Spirit play a prominent role within the Gospel of John?*

2. For unbelievers, the Holy Spirit has a ministry of _____ (*eklegchos*). (16:8-11)

** What does this term mean?*

** Who does this ministry apply to?*

** How does this ministry of the Spirit relate to sin?*

** How does this ministry of the Spirit relate to righteousness?*

** How does this ministry of the Spirit relate to judgment?*

3. The Holy Spirit will also continue His ministry of _____. (16:12-13)

** How would this happen?*

4. The Holy Spirit's ministry always seeks to _____. (16:14-15)

** What does this tell us about the nature of true spirituality?*

** What can you learn from all of this?*