

# TWENTY TWENTY

Why Does God Allow  
So Much Conflict and  
Crisis in our World?

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Why is all this happening? The conclusion comes at the beginning. Then we work our way through it.

Jesus gets His disciples ready for the end, or His end, or really what seemed like an end but was really the beginning! This is His way of preparing them:

John 15:20, 16:1-7, 12, 33

1. You Have Been \_\_\_\_\_!

Acts 1:4-7

2. You Have Been \_\_\_\_\_!

Acts 1:8

3. You Have Been \_\_\_\_\_!

Acts 2:22-24, 36-41; 3:1-10; 4:1-13

4. You Have Been \_\_\_\_\_!



## WEEKEND REVIEW

1. If you were stranded on a deserted island and could choose one comfort item to have with you, what would you choose?
2. In what ways, over the past several months of COVID, have you found yourself on “cruise control”?

## SCRIPTURE REVIEW

Read John 15:18-25 together.

3. It is the nature of the world to hate as it is the nature of the disciple to love. In what ways have you seen or experienced the “hate” of the world towards the followers of Christ? What are some of “their laws” (v 25) or convictions that set them against the ultimate Truth found in Christ?
4. Why does the world hate the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
5. Jesus doesn’t promise to take us out of the world and the trouble that comes along with it, but, instead, to help us in the midst of it. How does the ministry of the Holy Spirit help us to testify about Christ? (see John 14:16-20)

Read John 16:1-7

6. According to Jesus, why did he tell his disciples the troubling news about their future persecution? How does knowing ahead of time that we will experience troubles help?
7. Why was it better that Jesus left and sent the Holy Spirit? What did the coming of the Holy Spirit equip us to do? (see Acts 1:8)

## OIKOCENTRIC LIVING

8. Pastor Joel said, “Listen, as Christians God calls us to be on mission during this pandemic.” What are some ways that you need to get out of “cruise control” and engage the mission? Who is someone on your oikos card that you need to reach out to this week?