

UNSPOKEN
His Presence
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I. Expectations

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*I am the vine; you are the branches. **Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing (John 15:5).***

II. Why Are We Unspoken About Jesus?

A. We believe, but we do not confess.

⁴² ***Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God (John 12:42–43).***

Question: Do we love the glory of man more than the glory that comes from God?

B. We tend to be attached to this world.

¹⁸ ***“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ 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 also keep yours. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of my name...” (John 15:18–21a).***

Why does the world hate Jesus?

“...they do not know him who sent me” (John 15:21b).

²¹ "...because **they do not know him who sent me.** ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now **they have no excuse** for their sin. ²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now **they have seen and hated both me and my Father.** ²⁵ But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: **'They hated me without a cause'**" (John 15:21b–25).

"While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."
(John 12:36a).

III. Be a Witness

A. There is an expectation to step-up and share.

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and **appointed you that you should go and bear fruit** and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, **so that you will love one another** (John 15:16–17).

B. The Helper will be with you.

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C. Begin your witness with what Jesus said and did.

Jesus said to him, **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through me (John 14:6).

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me **in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms** must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds **to understand the Scriptures,** (Luke 24:44–45).

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