

# “A Dangerous Association”

Matthew 10:16-25

**Main Idea:** Followers of Jesus can expect to experience hostility and hatred because of their association with Him, but have been given the resources to thrive in such conditions.

## Interaction with Hostile Opponents (16-23)

Compared to Sheep among Wolves (16a)

The nature of wolves

The vulnerability of sheep

Survival Techniques (16b)

Wise as serpents

Innocent as doves

Widespread Opposition (17-20)

From fellow Jews (17)

Public shaming before the court

Public flogging in synagogues

From Gentiles (18-20)

Dragged before kings and governors (18a)

Bearing witness before kings and governors (18b-20)  
Confidently unprepared

The perfect Defender

From Family (21)

From Nations (22-23)  
Universal rejection (22)

Instructions to keep moving and spreading (23)

**Reasons for Hostility and Hatred (24-25)**  
Relationship of Teacher and Student

Guilt by Association

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