

**LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Matthew 10:24-25**

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**RECAP:** Christian believers need to be prepared to face external and internal attacks from the world.

**THESIS: Be prepared to be treated like Christ was.**

**EXEGESIS: Matthew 10:24-25**

- **“A disciple is not above his teacher,”** This initial proverb comes from old rabbinic tradition, as a sign of respect towards an elder, teacher, or master of a trade.
  - Christ turns this on the head in that the opposite is true, that we will not receive *disrespect* as much as Christ has, or suffer as highly as He does.
- This eliminates pride; we be proud or amazed at our level of endurance, for Christ’s is greater.
- This encourages the discouraged; we can know that Christ’s suffering is greater than ours, and that He empathizes with us. **Hebrews 2:14-18.**
- **Objection:** Of course this does not mean there won’t be some amounts of popularity, fame, joy, etc., as Christ experienced Himself, but it also means in general, we can expect rejection more often.
- **“Beelzebul.”** A word derived from “*Baal*,” to mean either “lord of flies,” or “lord of dung,” used in this culture contemptuously to apply to Satan.
- Christ demonstrates that if they used ridiculous claims against Him, they will do the same to us. **Matthew 9:34.**
- You are in good company if you are mistreated to the point of ridiculous claims, for the sake of Christ’s message.

**CONCLUSION: Be prepared to be treated like Christ was.**