

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
SERMON OUTLINE
January 31st, 2021
Matthew 10:17-20

RECAP: Jesus commands us to go out among dangerous peoples with cleverness and innocence, to combat the aggression of the wolves that will attack.

THESIS: Trust in the Lord when your witness for Christ is called by persecution, He will aid you.

EXEGESIS: Matthew 10:17-20 (*see also Matt. 5:10-12; Matthew 24:4-14; Mark 13:9.*)

- *Jewish Opposition:* Many of the Jewish people would antagonize the disciples and hinder them if possible.
 - **“Sanhedrin.”** A word for generally any town council held to have judicial discussions.
 - **“Synagogue.”** A place not just for worship, but also the center of town for any occasion.
 - **“flogging.”** The highest level of punishment the Jews were allowed to hand down. **2nd Cor. 11:24.**
 - Paul often fought the Jews for the faith in Acts; **Acts 13:42-50, Acts 17:1-9.**
- *Gentile Opposition:* The Roman authorities would absolutely exact wrath in the future against those that dared spread the Gospel, even if not out of spite or anger in many cases.
 - **“leaders and rulers,”** literally lords and kings. “Hegemon” means ruler, governor, and “basileus” means a king, royal person. This are most definitely people above Jewish Law.
 - One of the best cases that shows this is the case of Agrippa. **Acts 26:19.**
- **“Do not worry.”** Ironically this is the same message He preached in the Sermon on the Mount, when we were strictly told not to worry. But then it was about material provision. Here the same verb is used.
- **“in that hour.”** This is such a bold statement as to say, you can trust the Spirit so completely that you don’t even have to plan ahead in this case.
- **“Spirit of your Father.”** This is one of the few times up to this point He has actually designated God as **their** father. It’s designed to be a comfort!

CONCLUSION:

- Trust in the Lord when your witness for Christ is called by persecution, He will aid you. **Ex. 4:10-12.**