John 15:22

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Think about John 15:22-24.

> Jesus said: *"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. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. 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."*

- To whom did Jesus first come, and speak, and do supernatural works among them?

  > Consider John 1:9-11. *The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.*
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  > Also consider John 1:19-27. *And this is the testimony of John* (the Baptist)*, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ... "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."*

- What sin did these people have, for which they had no excuse? (See John 15:22-24 quoted above.)

- Why is it true that, whoever hates Jesus also hates God his father? (See John 15:22-24 quoted above.)

  > Also consider John 14:7-11. (Jesus said to his students) "*If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.*

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Think about John 15:25.

(Jesus said) *"But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated me without a cause.'"*

Also consider David's foretelling about the Christ. Psalm 69:1-21. … *Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. ... **More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause**; mighty are those who would destroy me, … For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me. ... my foes are all known to you. … They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.*

- What did Jesus declare about the words in the Jewish Scriptures foretelling details about the Christ? (See John 15:25 quoted above.)

  Also consider Luke 24:44-47. (Jesus said this to his students after he died and rose from the dead.) *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." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*

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Think about John 15:26-27.

(Jesus said to his students:) *"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning."*

- Does Jesus teach these following truths about the Spirit?
  - He will be the helper to the disciples
  - He will be sent by Jesus to his disciples in the future
  - He flows forth from the Father
  - He is the spirit of truth: he is true and will testify to the truth
  - He will bear witness about Jesus the Christ

- What does Jesus call these students of his to do? Why?

  Also consider Acts 1:15-26. (Peter said to the disciples after the death of Judas:) *"So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us--one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ... And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.*