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### 1. Bad News of persecution

- Rejection
- Betrayal
- Division
- Persecution
- Imprisonment
- Beatings
- Hatred
- Death

Matthew 10:40-42 – promises

1. v. 40 - “He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me.”

- The way to the Father is through Jesus.
- The world view is all roads eventually lead to God.
- The world says our view is too narrow, intolerant.
- Jesus’ message is the only message that lead from earth to heaven.

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2. v. 41 – “Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward. And anyone who receives a righteous person because he is righteous will received a righteous person’s reward.”
  - The reward of salvation belongs to the prophets, preachers, missionaries, evangelists and church leaders and all who serve them in the background.
3. v. 42 – “Whoever gives just a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, I assure you he will never lose his reward.”
  - Jesus remembers your concern for people the world can’t see at all.
4. Is it worth it to serve Jesus?

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