

MI 2: Trust during Trouble
Matthew 10:16-37

Introduction: Persecution in the early church

Purpose of text: To build trust in God's people in the midst of persecution

v. 16-18 - Civil Trouble (Mk 13:9-13)

We are sent as an intentionally vulnerable people

We are not to be a stupidly vulnerable people

v. 19-20 Trust in promise
You will be given the words to speak

v. 21-22, 34-37 Family Trouble

v. 22-23 Trust in promise
You will always have somewhere to go

v. 23 – difficult to understand (various views)

Liberal

Preterist

Dispensational

Jewish Mission

Kingdom

Destruction of Jerusalem

Resurrection

v. 24-25 Trust in Promise (Acts 5:41, 1 Peter 4:12-14)
Persecution is something you can rejoice in

v. 26-27, 32-33 Trust in Promise:
You and your message will be vindicated on Judgment Day

v. 28-31 Trust in Promise:
You are in the care of a sovereign omnipotent good Father

v. 38-39 A cross to bear and a life to lose