

## ACKNOWLEDGE JESUS BEFORE MEN

Matthew 10:17-33

Key Verse: 10:32

1. Read verses 17-18. Why must disciples who are busy witnessing to Jesus be on guard? What kinds of persecution are mentioned in these two verses? Who are the perpetrators and why do they mistreat witnessing disciples?
2. Read verses 19-20. What must disciples do when they are arrested and brought to trial? How will God help them?
3. Read verses 21-23. How will the most precious of human relations suffer because of Jesus? Why must this be? What must God's servant do? (How can one do both?) What is Jesus' promise and hope? What does this mean?
4. Read verses 24-25. How does Jesus' example give courage and direction?
5. Read verses 26-31. What are the things that disciples might fear? How can we overcome fear? Why is it important that concealed things be disclosed and exposed? What must be our attitude in a hostile world?
6. Read verses 32-33. What does it mean to acknowledge Jesus before men? What are the consequences? What does it mean to disown Jesus before men? What are the consequences?