

MATTHEW

May 1, 2022
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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Jesus uses four animal metaphors in this passage (v. 16). As you review the passage, what does it say about wolves? (Why are we to beware, v. 17?)

2. What is the scope of persecution (vv. 17, 18, 21, 22)? (From whence does it come?)

In which area do you detect more resistance to the kingdom?

3. What forms does persecution take (vv. 17, 19, v. 21)?

4. What is really behind persecution (v. 22; c.f., John 7:7; 15:18, 23)? How should this truth influence us?

5. Discuss your impression of the metaphor of sheep (v. 16).

6. How does the metaphor “shrewd as serpents” impact you?

What is Jesus driving at?

7. What does it mean to be “innocent as doves”?

8. How does being shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves help us, as sheep, to beware of men and carry out our kingdom mission in the world?

9. There are three potential benefits of persecution & resistance. Identify the benefit in the following verses. How does it relate to the disciples/apostles? How does it relate to us?
 - v. 18

 - vv. 19-20

 - v. 23a

10. What is the encouragement in v. 22? Why is this so important?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will beware this week by . . .

I will press on this week by . . .