

Staying Faithful to Christ in a World the Persecutes Righteousness

“To be holiest in evil times, is an indication of the truth of grace. To profess religion when the times favor it, is no great matter. Almost all will court the Gospel Queen when she is hung with jewels. But to own the ways of God when they are decried and maligned, to love a persecuted truth-this evidences a vital principle of goodness.” – **Thomas Watson**. There was a time in America, when our nation favored the Gospel and our nation enjoyed its fruits. Today, there is increased hostility towards the Christian faith. To stay faithful to Christ in yesteryear was rewarded. Today, it will be frowned upon and perhaps punished. The philosopher Albert Camus, an existentialist, once stated, “There comes a time in history when the man who dares to say that two and two make four is punished with the question is not one of knowing what punishment or reward attends the making of this calculation. The question is that of knowing whether two and two do make four.” For the Christian and a world in rebellion to Christ’s reign, *Jesus is Lord!* The issue before us is not what rewards or punishment may come from this profession of faith, the issue is whether or not *Jesus is Lord!!*