



# When Sheep Approach Wolves

MT. 10:16-23

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*“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.” (Matthew 10:16, ESV)*

## Review the Sermon

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Read Mt. 10:16-23.

Why does God allow his children to be persecuted?

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How can Jesus’ statement about enduring to the end (v.22) be properly understood?

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What are some of the benefits that come out of persecution?

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## Assess your Life

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What is your initial reaction to Jesus sending you out as a sheep among wolves?

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What forms of persecution have you faced for being a Christian?

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How have you responded to reports of persecution that other Christians have faced?

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## Apply the Truth

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How does your perspective of what God is doing through persecution need to change?

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What can you do to develop stronger relationships with your church family?

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What steps can you take to maintain the balance of being “wise as serpents” and “innocent as doves”?

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## Commit this Week

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Will you commit this week to praying for persecuted Christians in other parts of the world, while also preparing for the likelihood of coming persecution in our own area of the world?

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*“and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.” (Matthew 10:22, ESV)*