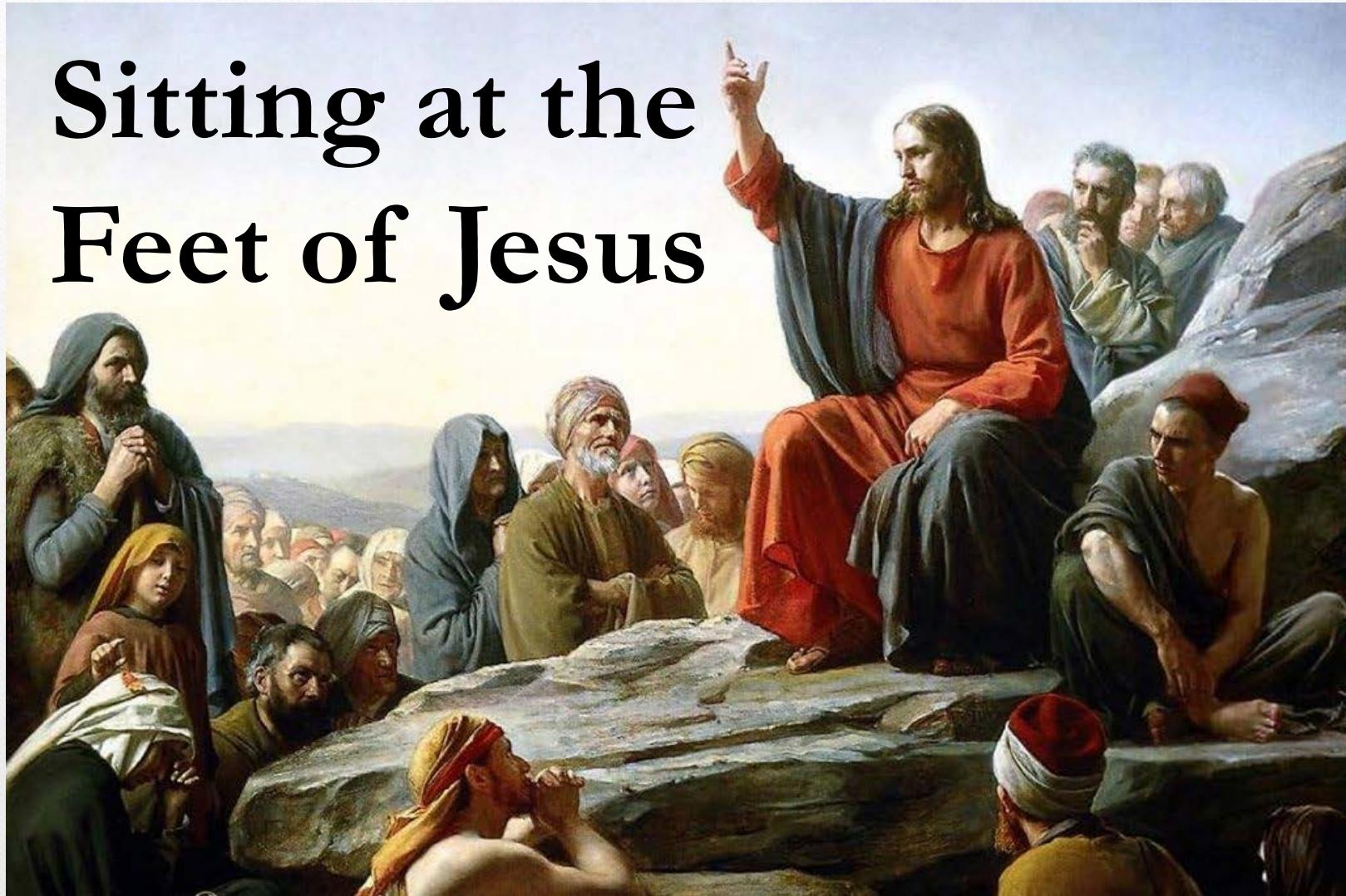


Sitting at the Feet of Jesus



The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7

Matthew 5: 3(NASB)

*“Blessed are the poor
in spirit, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 5: 4(NASB)

*“Blessed are those
who mourn, for they
shall be comforted.*

Matthew 5: 5(NASB)

“Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

Matthew 5: 6(NASB)

*“Blessed are those
who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for
they shall be satisfied.*

Matthew 5: 7(NASB)

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Matthew 5: 8(NASB)

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Matthew 5: 9(NASB)

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Matthew 5: 10(NASB)

*“Blessed are those
who have
been persecuted for
the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.*

Question

Why would someone poor
in heart, humble, gentle,
pure, seeking peace,
hungering for
righteousness and
mourning over their sin
be hated and
persecuted?

John 16: 33 (NASB)

These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

Question

Why did Jesus say
they were being
persecuted?

Matthew 5: 10(NASB)

*“Blessed are those
who have
been persecuted for
the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.*

Question

Do you think
persecution of
Christians is
increasing or
decreasing?

Coptic Christians beheaded in Libya returned to Egypt for burial

Charles Collins May 16, 2018
MANAGING EDITOR





It is illegal for anyone to convert from Islam to another religion in Egypt.

Christians most persecuted group in the world as vicious attacks grow



By **Perry Chiaramonte** · Published April 14, 2017 · Fox News



April 10, 2017 Women pass by the Coptic church that was bombed on Sunday in Tanta, Egypt. ISIS has recently increased their attacks on Egypt's Christian community. (REUTERS/Mohamed Abd El Ghany)

The recent Palm Sunday bombings at two Egyptian churches that killed 44 worshippers and wounded more than 100 others are the latest in a spate of deadly attacks targeting the world's Christians.

Nearly 90,000 of the faithful were killed for their beliefs in violent and gruesome attacks last year, according to a report by the Center for Studies on New Religions, making Christians the most persecuted group in the world. While some were killed as part of state-sanctioned persecution, as in places like North Korea, nearly one-third of the Christians who died in 2016 were executed at the hands of Islamic extremists like ISIS.



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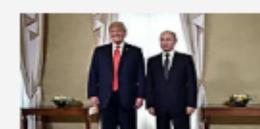
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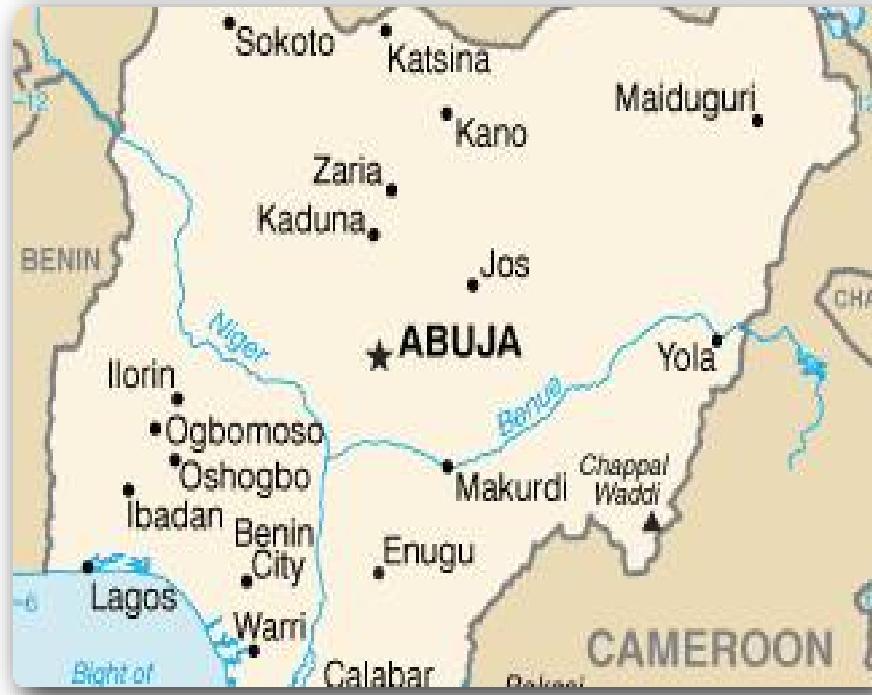
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Northwood Church founder Pastor Bob Roberts worries if the US Congress doesn't act soon, ethnic Kachin Christians in Burma may face the same plight as the Rohingya. He believes prayer and action can make the difference in saving them.

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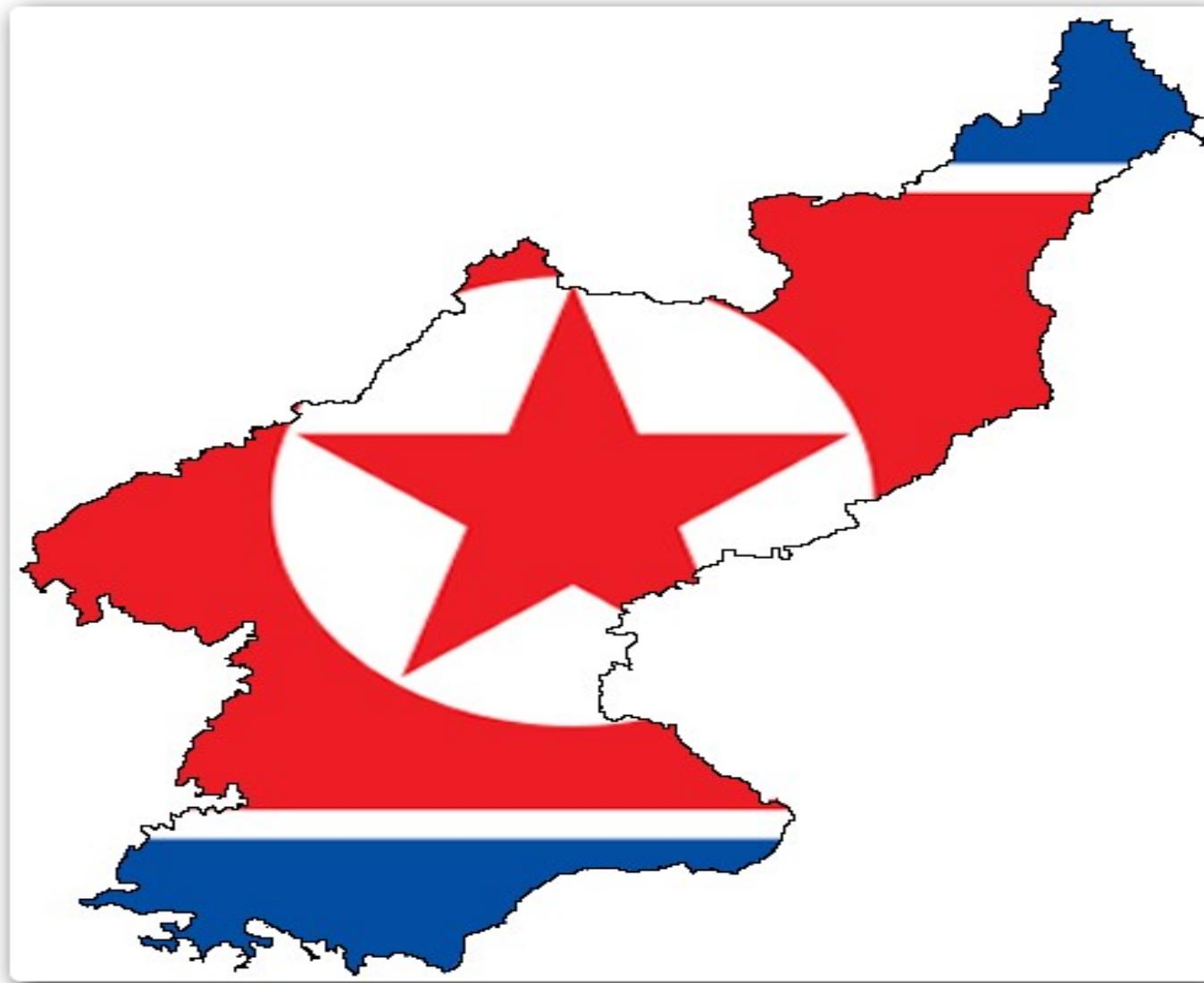
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An Assemblies of God Nigeria pastor, his wife and son were among at least 218 people killed in Muslim Fulani herdsmen attacks on predominantly Christian areas near Jos on June 23-25, a denominational leader said.

IN NORTH KOREA, CHILDREN WATCH CHRISTIANS BEING EXECUTED

June 15, 2018



A North Korean who escaped from the country and now lives in the UK has spoken via persecution charity Open Doors about his life under the regime there.

Christian Post 11/11/16

Christians in North Korea are undergoing “unspeakable atrocities” and have been placed in forced labor camps, tortured, starved, raped, forced to have abortions and murdered.

According to CSW, in North Korea Christians have been hung on a cross over a fire, crushed under a steamroller and herded off bridges.

Question

Today our society is focused on the rights of LGBT, minorities, muslims, animals and many others so why is there little concern over the massive persecution and killing of Christians?

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Question

Would anyone like to share about being persecuted for their faith or about someone they know who was persecuted for their faith?

Matthew 5: 11(NASB)

“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.

Question

Did you catch the
change in who Jesus
was speaking to?

Matthew 5: 10(NASB)

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Philippians 1:29-30(NIV)

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.



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Question

How can you avoid
persecution?

Just approve what the world does. Don't disagree with it, just affirm it or ignore it.

Accept the world's morals, the world's ethics, live as they live. Don't tell people they are sinners or make them confront the fact that without Christ they are doomed to eternal judgment at the hands of Almighty God.

Don't talk about hell or sin. Don't preach and teach that Jesus Christ is the only way and only by faith in Him just tell everyone God loves them just as they are and everyone is going to heaven.

John 15: 18-19 (NASB)

“If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own;

John 15: 18-19 (NASB)

*but because you are
not of the world, but I
chose you out of the
world, because of this
the world hates you.*

**"In fact, everyone who wants
to live a godly life in Christ Jesus
will be persecuted."** 2 Timothy 3:12



Question

What are we
supposed to do to
those who are
persecuting us?

Answer

Be a Peacemaker!

Judgement

Regardless of what the world thinks, there will come a day when Christ returns to judge those who hate and persecute us because of Him. At that time they will understand this dreadful mistake

Answer

Rejoice and be glad!

Matthew 5: 12(NASB)

*Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward in
heaven is great; for in
the same way they
persecuted the
prophets who were
before you.*

Question

Why would someone
be happy and rejoice
when they are hated,
insulted, lied about
and persecuted?

Matthew 5: 12(NASB)

*Rejoice and be glad,
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Question

How were the
prophets persecuted?

Jeremiah 20: 1-2 (NASB)

When Pashhur the priest, the son of Immer, who was chief officer in the house of the Lord, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things,

Jeremiah 20: 1-2 (NASB)

Pashhur had Jeremiah the prophet beaten and put him in the stocks that were at the upper Benjamin Gate, which was by the house of the Lord.

Jeremiah 38: 6 (NASB)

*Then they took Jeremiah
and cast him into the
cistern of Malchijah the
king's son, which was in
the court of the
guardhouse; and they let
Jeremiah down with
ropes.*

Jeremiah 38: 6 (NASB)

Now in the cistern there was no water but only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Lamentations 3: 53(NIV)

They tried to end my life in a pit and threw stones at me;

Jeremiah 37: 16 (NASB)

For Jeremiah had come into the dungeon, that is, the vaulted cell; and Jeremiah stayed there many days.

When you are persecuted
you are among the great
men and women of the
Bible.

You are a modern day
prophet with a great
reward awaiting in
heaven!