

Sunday, October 20, 2024
Title: “In, But Not of, the World”
Text: John 17:11–19
Series: *The Gospel of John*

I. “In the World” → Jesus sends His Church into the World.

Jesus’ Church:

- Is in the World on purpose, until the Church comes home with Jesus (v. 11)
- Is not supposed to leave the World (v. 15)
- Is sent by Jesus into the World, just as the Father sent Jesus into the World (v. 18)

II. “Not of the World” → Jesus’ Church is distinct from the World.

Jesus’ Church:

- Kept by God through the World (vv. 11–13)
- Hated by the World “because they are not of the World, just as I am not of the world” (v. 14, cf. v. 16)
- Need to be “kept from the evil one” while in the world (v. 15, cf. v. 17)

1. As Jesus returns to Heaven, He intentionally leaves His Church “in the world” to “glorify” Him (John 17:10–12).

2. Jesus’ Church has His Joy and His Word yet will be hated by the world “because they are not of the world” (John 17:13–14, 16).

3. Jesus wants His Church in the world but kept “from the evil one” (v. 15) and sanctified on mission to the world by the truth of God’s Word (vv. 17–20).