



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 16:28-33 (NAS)

"The Victory That Overcomes The World"

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| 28 | "I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again and going to the Father." |
| 29 | His disciples *said, "Lo, now You are speaking plainly and are not using a figure of speech." |
| 30 | "Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we believe that You came from God." |
| 31 | Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?" |
| 32 | "Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me." |
| 33 | "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." |

I. JESUS SUMMARIZES HIS PERSON AND WORK

- A. I Come From The Father
- B. I Come Into The World – The Incarnation *John 1:1-3*
- C. I Leave This World – Death, Resurrection, Ascension
- D. I Go To The Father

II. FAITH ACKNOWLEDGED

- A. It Was Slow To Come
- B. How Would It Hold Up?
- C. How Does Our Faith Hold Up To The Struggles Of This World?
 - 1. Do we grumble?
 - 2. Do we fail to witness?
 - 3. Do we neglect opportunities of service?

III. FAITH DOES NOT STAND ALONE

- A. Jesus Knew His Father Would Be With Him
- B. We Have The Lord's Promise *Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5*
- C. The Lord Desires That We Recognize Our Weakness *II Corinthians 12:9*
- D. Our Faith Needs The Regular Support Of God's Means Of Grace
 - 1. Prayer
 - 2. Bible Study
 - 3. Worship

IV. JESUS' DISCIPLES DESERTED HIM

- A. It Was A Fulfillment Of Prophecy *Zechariah 13:7*
- B. It Was A Task Jesus Had To Do Alone

V. HOPE FOR FALTERING DISCIPLES

- A. It Is Not Our Faith That Saves Us *Ephesians 2:8*
- B. The Peace Jesus Promised *Philippians 4:6-7*
- C. We Are To Expect Tribulation
- D. Our Confidence Is In Christ's Victory