

Title: Simply Jesus: The Overcomer

Scripture: John 16:25-33

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Bible Version: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: True peace can only be found in knowing Jesus and

why He came.

Vs. 25

These things - Since chapter 15, Jesus has been talking with the disciples while on the road to Gethsemane.

Figurative language - Jesus used comparisons to illustrate points.

But the time is coming - Jesus transitions the conversation to the very simple point that the time is coming when He would speak to them very plainly.

Vs. 26-27

The Father Himself loves you - Jesus reminds the disciples that Father loves them. Jesus did not have to persuade an angry/upset Father to love us.

His work would provide a righteous basis for God's graciousness. -Guzik

You have loved me - Jesus refers to the love that the disciples have for Him as a brotherly love. They have spent approximately 3 years together.

The Father did not love the disciples on the basis of their love for Jesus, but their love for Jesus was evidence of the Father's love for them.-Guzik

Believed that I came forth from God- The idea is that Jesus came forth publicly from God.

Why did the Father love them?

- 1. They loved Jesus.
- 2. They believed that Jesus was sent by God.

Vs.28

Jesus plainly explains what He is doing.

- 1. He came from the Father.
- 2. He came to this world.
- 3. He will go back to the Father.

I came forth from the Father- Jesus testifies that He came forth from the Father. He has always existed.

Have come into the world- Jesus came to this world. Jesus was 100% God and 100% Man. His time on Earth can be described as veiled Deity.

I leave the world and go to the Father- Jesus explains that He is going back to the Father.

Vs. 29

See, now You are speaking plainly- The disciples finally understood. Perhaps the summary sentence from Vs. 28 cleared it up for them.

You have to take the words of Jesus to heart.

Vs. 30

We believe- The result of hearing the truth was a decision. In this case it was to believe what Jesus was saying.

Vs. 31-32

Has now come- This would be a point of transition. The hour has now come.

Three things would happen:

- 1. The disciples would be scattered.
- 2. The would leave Jesus alone.
- 3. The Father would be with Jesus.

You will be scattered- Jesus knew that although the disciples would believe in Him, but their faith would be tested.

And will leave Me alone- At this point in the timeline, the disciples could be followers without being committed. This was about to change. Jesus states that He would be alone.

There he stands. They have left him alone; but there he is, still standing to his purpose. He has come to save, and he will save. He has come to redeem, and he will redeem. He has come to overcome the world, and he will overcome it.-Spurgeon

Because the Father is with Me- Jesus highlights that the Father would be with Him. He has always been with Him.

Vs. 33

I have spoken to you- Jesus shared these things for them very plainly, and for a specific reason; that they would not be surprised.

That in Me you may have peace- Jesus wanted the disciples to have peace. Jesus stated that peace would come as a result of them being in Jesus.

Real peace can only be realized after you have come into relationship with Jesus.

You will have tribulation- Jesus did promise tribulation.

Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world- We can be of good cheer because Jesus has overcome the world.

He overcame the world when nobody else had overcome it.-Spurgeon

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- 1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
- 2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
- 3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
- 4. What is your prayer for today?



DISCUSS.

- 1. Jesus listed three things that would happen in Vs. 32. Discuss how the disciples might feel about these things happening.
 - a. The disciples would be scattered.
 - b. The would leave Jesus alone.
 - c. The Father would be with Jesus.
- 2. Jesus says in Vs. 33, that you will have tribulation in this world and to be of good cheer because we have peace in Him. Discuss how this practically works in our daily lives.
- 3. Jesus says in Vs. 27 that the Father loves you. This was a reminder to the disciples and to us as well. Discuss how this scripture can bring encouragement to your life.

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Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on <u>blueletterbible.com</u> or with their app.



Parents & Kids TAKEHOME

DATE: October 22nd, 2017

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Take Home Questions:

- 1. What was Zacchaeus like at the beginning of the story? (A dishonest man who took more money from people than they owed)
- 2. Where did Jesus want to go with Zacchaeus? (Zacchaeus' house)
- 3. Did the crowd of people like that Jesus was hanging out with Zacchaeus? (No)
- 4. When Zacchaeus hung out with Jesus, what happened to Zacchaeus? (He changed!)
- 5. How did Zacchaeus change? (He gave half of what he had to the poor and paid everyone back more than what he took.)
- 6. You can hang out with Jesus when you pray and read your Bible! When we spend time with Jesus, what will happen? (We will change!)

Memory Verse: "God is able to do far more than we could ever ask or imagine" - Eph. 3:20

