

## 9.24 That You May Have Life In His Name - John 16:16-33

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### Context

- Passover meal / night of betrayal / washing disciples feet / preparing them for his death / promising them the Holy Spirit will lead and comfort and guide them

### Your Sorrow Will Turn into Joy

<sup>16</sup> “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’” <sup>18</sup> So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup> When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. <sup>23</sup> In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

### I Have Overcome the World

<sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

<sup>29</sup> His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup> Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup> Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

(Jn 16:16–33)

Contrast:

- **The world (humanity in rebellion before God) rejoicing // disciples weeping**
  - <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. John 16:20
- **Deep sorrow // the promise of joy**
  - <sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. (John 16:22)
- **Fear / death / loss // hearts rejoicing with enduring joy**
  - <sup>32</sup> Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. (John 16:32)

**Jesus Appears to the Disciples** <sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” (Jn 20:19–22)

- Access to the Father in Jesus name

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- The love of the Father for those who love Jesus and believe

<sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. (John 16:27)

- Peace in Jesus / tribulation in the world

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- Take heart in the face of evil — Jesus has overcome the world. (overcome = victory)

**What does it look like to take heart?**

**What do you do when you lose heart?**

**What is at stake when you choose not to seek the Lord?**

**Where do you go?**

<sup>14</sup> Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Ps 27:14

**The Church needed to be reminded of this promise.**

After the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D John relocated to Ephesus. From there, he wrote his gospel account and letters for the church in Ephesus and surrounding cities. These were written about 50 years after Jesus’ death and resurrection. He reminds the church...

<sup>4</sup> Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

(1 Jn 4:4)

HE who is in you is GREATER than he who is in the world.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

<sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

(1 Jn 5:1–5)

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Paul reminds the Church as well — He reminds the church of the victory of Jesus, the hope we have because of Jesus. From Rome, roughly 30 years after Jesus’ death and resurrection, he shares this testimony:

<sup>9</sup> Do your best to come to me soon. <sup>10</sup> For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. <sup>12</sup> Tychicus I have

sent to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup> When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. <sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. <sup>15</sup> Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. <sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.  
(2 Ti 4:9–18)

- But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me. All deserted me. Jesus did not. (THERE IS PURPOSE IN HIS PRESENCE).
- He strengthened me so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed – that the nations would hear it. (THERE IS PURPOSE IN THE STRENGTH)
- The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. (RESCUE ULTIMATELY IS ETERNITY WITH JESUS).
- To Him – the one who can do that – To Him be glory forever. (ONLY JESUS).

Church – I need to remind you this morning.

In this world, you WILL have tribulation.

In Jesus, you DO HAVE peace.

You have access to the Father in the name of Jesus, and you have the presence of the Holy Spirit – no one can truly steal your joy when you walk in this glorious reality.

**When you have friends in your life who are suffering – the most loving thing you can do is remind them of Jesus, and the very real peace that is available to all who call on Him in faith.**

CG:

What does it look like for you to take heart / trust in Jesus in a broken world?

Share a testimony of what it looks like to truly know the peace of Christ?

What is at stake when you choose not to seek the Lord in the midst of trials?

How can we encourage one another to remember the Gospel?

What does it look like to have life in Jesus name?