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IN OUR
RISEN LORD

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN • CHAPTERS 11-21



General Patton's speech to the
Third Army portrayed in the
1970 film *Patton*

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Take Courage

We can take courage because Jesus has already won the victory and has promised his disciples:

- 1) The Holy Spirit
- 2) Joy
- 3) Peace

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

John 16:4b-11 (ESV)

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:7

“The Spirit inside of you is better than Jesus beside you.”

Pastor J.D. Greear

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

A paltry substitute? An impersonal force?



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God the Holy Spirit is powerful and personal

- He orders and brings together what God the Father has purposed and planned
 - He can be grieved
 - He has a mind & will
- He understands and discerns things
 - He speaks
 - He teaches
 - He convicts

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How is it to our advantage?

- The Holy Spirit enables people all over the world to commune with Jesus simultaneously.
- The Holy Spirit has ushered in a new age.

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John 16:8-11

The Holy Spirit answers three questions:

- 1) What is the most wrong with the world?
- 2) What is most right in the world?
- 3) Who wins?

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The Holy Spirit gives us the New Testament

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

John 16:13

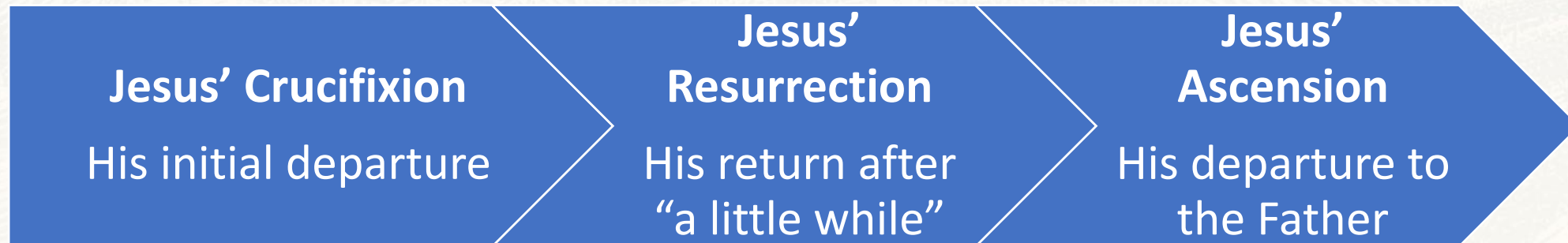
But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 14:26

The Promise of Joy

“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” 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’?” So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.”

John 16:16-18



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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. 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. 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 16:20-22



The Promise of Joy

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. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full... 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; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

John 16:23-24, 26-27

The Promise of Peace

Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? 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. 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.”

John 16:31-33

Take heart – be of good courage or cheer?

The Promise of Peace

Take heart – *Tharseó*: a summons to inward confidence that rests on an external source—God’s saving presence. The verb never depicts self-generated optimism; it always arises from a word or act of the Lord that decisively removes the cause of fear

The Promise of Peace

“I absorbed the belief that no one can hurt me without the permission of my Master. In that sense, I’m safe. I’m invincible.”

John Paton, Scottish Missionary to the New Hebrides islands



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The Holy Spirit, Joy, and Peace

Where in your life are you still living as if the battle isn't already won? How would this area of your life be different if you dared to believe these promises of Jesus?

Take Courage

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

