

“Overcome the World”

John 16:31-33

Introduction

- I. A study of the life of Jesus will allow the student to see just how much Jesus cared for others.
- II. His disciples were going to be faced with great obstacles, but Jesus never forsook them.

Discussion

- I. Jesus gave His disciples the surety of peace.
 - A. The disciples were not going to be left alone (John 16:5-15).
 1. The Holy Spirit would guide them into all truth (John 16:13; 2 Pet. 1:3).
 2. The Holy Spirit would convict the world of sin.
 - B. The troubles and sorrow of the disciples would be changed into rejoicing (John 16:16-24).
 1. The peace that Jesus gives is unsurpassed (John 14:27; Phil. 1:24-27; 2 Cor. 5:7-8; cf. Eph. 1:3).
 2. The “peace” of the world is temporary (Heb. 11:25; James 1:12-15).
- II. Jesus warned His disciples of the trouble ahead of them (John 15:18-20).
 - A. There were going to be people that would torment them thinking that by doing such this pleased God (John 16:1-4).
 - B. This warning did not stop the disciples from being bold and at peace (Acts 4:23ff.; 5:40-42; 12:6-7).
- III. Jesus assured victory!
 - A. Our Lord has overcome the world in that he rose from the dead (1 Cor. 15:1-4).
 - B. The disciples of Jesus, and Christians today, are able to overcome the world because of Christ (1 John 5:4-5; Rom. 4:20-25).

Conclusion

- I. Even though following Christ can mean difficulties in this world, we have nothing to fear.
- II. The faithful can have spiritual peace and assurance.