

INTRODUCTION

- * Jesus - the Son of God who became the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world - is in His final hours. As we have been studying the past couple of weeks, He is sharing with His disciples concerning what to expect after He leaves them.
- * Today, we come to the end of this time instruction with Jesus' final summary and exhortation. Jesus once again reveals to His disciples who is He, where He came from, and what is about to transpire in their lives.
- * As we consider this portion, it is good for us to meditate upon what our thought process would be like if we were in the "sandals" of the apostles ... and, then to consider how we still react, and respond, even knowing now much more than they did!

INSTRUCTION

I. THE CON_____ OF THE DISCIPLES (v. 16-18)

II. THE CON_____ OF THE MESSIAH (v. 19-33)

A. As A Result of His O_____ (v. 19-27)

1. HE ADDRESSED THEIR PRESENT SITUATION (v. 19; cf. v. 29-30)
2. HE ADDRESSED THEIR FUTURE SITUATION (v. 20-27)
 - a. The Promise of J_____
 - b. The Promise of A_____

B. As A Result of His I_____ (v. 28-30)

C. As A Result of His E_____ (v. 19-27)

1. REGARDING THEIR COMING D_____ (v. 31-32)
2. REGARDING THEIR COMING T_____ (v. 33)
 - a. Their Potential for Peace (cf. Philippians 4:4-9)
 - b. Their Call for Courage

INTROSPECTION

- * WHEN YOU ARE CONFUSED WHERE DO YOU TURN FOR ANSWERS?
- * WHEN YOU HAVE A NEED WHERE DO YOU TURN FOR HELP?
- * WHEN YOU ARE FEELING PRESSURED WHERE DO YOU TURN FOR COMFORT?
- * WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?

WHAT EFFECT HAS HIS COMING INTO THE WORLD HAD UPON YOUR LIFE?

- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Jesus' instruction to His disciples regarding persecution, tribulation and suffering, is very similar to what Peter wrote to the church in his first epistle. What are some of Christ's teachings that are discussed through Peter as well?

THE CONFUSION OF THE DISCIPLES

- ¹⁶ "A little while, and you will not see Me;
and again a little while, and you will see Me, because **I go (hupago - to go one'sway; lit. under leading)** to the Father."
- ¹⁷ Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "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 go (hupago)** to the Father?'"
- ¹⁸ They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying."

THE CONSOLATION OF THE MESSIAH

As A Result of His Omniscience (cf. v. 29-30)

He Addressed Their Present Confusion

- ¹⁹ Now Jesus knew that they desired to **ask (erotao - to entreat with a sense of inquiry)** Him, and He said to them,
"Are you inquiring (**zaeteo - seek**) among yourselves about what I said,
'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'?"

He Addressed Their Future Sorrow

- ²⁰ Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will **rejoice (chairo)**;
and you will be **sorrowful (lupeo)**, but your **sorrow (lupae)** will be turned into **joy (chara)**.
- ²¹ A woman, when she is in labor, has **sorrow (lupae)** because her hour has come;
but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish (**thlipsis - pressure situations**),
for **joy (chara)** that a human being has been born into the world.
- ²² **Therefore** you now have **sorrow (lupae)**;
but I will see you again and your heart will **rejoice (chairo)**, and **your joy (chara)** no one will take from you.
- ²³ "And in that day you will **ask (erotao)** Me nothing.
Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you **ask (aiteo - ask; beg)** the Father in My name He will give you.
²⁴ Until now you have **asked (aiteo)** nothing in My name.
Ask (aiteo), and you will receive, that your **joy (chara)** may be full.
- ²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language;
but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.
²⁶ In that day you will **ask (aiteo)** in My name,
and I do not say to you that I shall **pray (erotao)** the Father for you;
²⁷ for the Father Himself loves you,
because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth (ekerchomai) from God.

As A Result of His Incarnation

- ²⁸ **I came forth (ekerchomai)** from the Father **and have come (erchomai ... pf)** into the world.
Again, **I leave (aphiaemi)** the world **and go (poreuomai)** to the Father."

- ²⁹ His disciples said to Him,
"See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech!
³⁰ Now we are sure that **You know (eido)** all things (**pas**), and have no need that anyone should **question (erotao)** You.
By this we believe that **You came forth (ekerchomai)** from God."

As A Result of His Exhortation

Regarding Their Coming Desertion

- ³¹ Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?
³² Indeed the hour is coming, yes, **has now come (erchomai ... pf)**, that you will be scattered, each to his own,
and **will leave (aphiaemi)** Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

Regarding Their Coming Tribulation

- ³³ These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace.
In the world you will have tribulation (**thlipsis - pressure situations**);
but be of good cheer (**tharseo**), I have overcome (**nikao ... pf**) the world."