“I Go to the Father”

Intro: This morning we continue our _______________ of John’s _______________ where we left off five weeks ago.

A. Here in the closing verses of chapter 14, as the Lord ministered to the disciples, we see just how earnestly Jesus had the ___________ in view and how intent He was in ___________ it in obedience to Father that He might return to the Father and demonstrate to the world His _________ for the ____________.

B. With Jesus having the heavenly view of what was to come He ministered to His disciples that they too might _________ the _______________ _________, being convinced that in all things God accomplishes His divine will, thus “that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose” (Rom. 8:28 NIV).

I. In loving care for His disciples Jesus gently rebuked them by _______________ the real ___________ for which they remained troubled in heart. Jesus said, “If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced …”

A. The disciple’s hearts were troubled because their __________ for Christ was ________________

1. Jesus told the disciples that they should __________ Him so purely that they would ___________ for it was _______ _______ _________ that He was going to the Father.

B. Jesus said, “for the ___________ ________________ than I.”

1. MacArthur writes, “… the Lord was not speaking here of His essential nature as God, but of His _______________ ________ during His ministry on earth. In essence and being, the Father and the Son are eternally co-equal; but in role and function, the Son submitted Himself to the Father’s will at the incarnation. Christ’s statement reflected the perspective of a ___________ ________________, the role He assumed during His earthly ministry.”

2. As Heb 12:2 says, it was “______ the ____ set before Him [that He] endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the _______ ___________ of the throne ____ _______.” Indeed, as Heb 2:9 says, He was “made for a little while lower than the angels …” but, because of His obedient submission to the Father in “suffering” the cross “of death” He has been “______________ with glory and honor” ___ the ______________.
3. It was because God the Father was greater in authoritative function over the suffering servant Jesus (God the Son) that the __________ in love for Jesus __________ have __________ that He was returning to His Father.

C. Jesus told the disciples what was to come to pass __________ so that when He did die upon the cross, and did arise again, and did ascend to the Father, and did send the Holy Spirit they would be __________ in their faith, __________ in their faith, coming to believe __________ fear and __________.

1. In expressing what was to come Jesus told the disciples that His __________ with them was __________, and that these were His __________ to them for the enemy was coming.

2. In so many words Jesus encouraged the disciples saying, “Though satan comes against Me and I be separated from you, let not your hearts be troubled nor be afraid for the adversary shall not prevail for he has nothing in Me! What satan intends for evil ________ means ________ ________.”

D. The reason for which Christ would voluntarily come into the enemy’s hand was to fulfill the divine purposes of God whereby the __________ would ________ that __________ ________ the Father, being obedient to Him even unto death.

1. To carry out the plan of God Jesus said, “______ _____ _____ from here,” leaving the Upper Room to make His way to the place where He would pray and be arrested.

Closing: As we close this chapter, let us come to know and believe ______ _______ and purposeful our ________.

A. Though enemies come against us, ________ means it for our ________ and His glory! Though the economy suffers, God means it for our good and His glory. Though the rulers of this nation may fail us, God means it for our good and ________! Though we suffer, God means it for our good and His glory! Let not your heart be trouble – ___________ in God, __________ also in the Savior, Christ the Lord!

C. “___________ _______ ________ with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

“Oh God,” we pray, “grant us the __________ ________!”

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