"I Have Overcome the World"

Intro: As we come to our text, it was the night before the Lord’s crucifixion and moments before His arrest. With the hailing masses gone, our _________ has been privately ________________ to His disciples by preparing them for the difficulties that lay ahead and by promising that it was to their advantage that He go to the Father. The words we are about to study this Lord’s Day are among the last of the recorded words that _______________ ________________ to His disciples.

I. To alleviate His disciple’s minds and calm their confusion, giving them hope for the future, _______________ ________________ to them by promising them future _______________ and blessing.

   A. Jesus promised them saying, “an __________ is ________________ when I will speak no more to you in figurative language, but will ______ you ______________ of the Father.”

   B. Jesus also _______________ that in that day when He would plainly tell them of the Father that they would also ask of the Father in His name, with the implication being that the Father would hear and answer their prayer. They would ______________ personal ______________ into the throne room of God the Father through Christ’s name!

      1. Jesus promised the disciples that the ______________ would hear their prayers because He ______________ ______________.

II. To alleviate His disciple’s minds and calm their confusion, Jesus ministered to them by ______________ (in part) their ______________ of 16:17.

   A. This is what He means by “A little while, and you will not behold Me;” and, “because I go to the Father”: Just as _____ _______ the Heavenly presence of the Father to come to earth to dwell among men, so again will He leave, for _____ _______ leave the world to ______________ to dwell again with the Father.

      1. Though the disciples did not understand all the ramifications of what the Lord had just said, they were at least getting a better glimpse – and in this, ______________ did correctly ______________ Him to say that He came forth from the Father.

   B. When Jesus plainly answered the disciple’s unasked question they confessed their faith in Him receiving His omniscience as irrefutable ______________ that ___ ___ ______________, having come forth from the Heavenly Father.
III. Again Jesus _______________ His disciples of things to come.

A. Jesus told the _______________ that they would be _______________.

B. Though the _______________ would _______________ Him to suffer the cross alone, yet did Jesus encourage them in saying that the _______________ was _______________ Him. (No believer suffers alone!)

C. Jesus spoke of these things not to upset the disciples, nor to condemn them, but that by the indwelling Spirit they would remember His Word and ___ _____ have _______________.

D. Jesus encouraged His disciples saying, “In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have _______________ the world.”

1. If Christ has stood and won the victory, then ___ shall ____________ ____ ______ as victors!

Conclusion: If Christ has stood and won the victory, then ___ shall ____________ ____ ______ as victors!

Rom 8:35-37 KJV, “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than _______________ through Him that loved us.”

1 John 5:4-5 says, “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith. 5 And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who _______________ that _______________ is the Son of God?”

Believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved! And know this: as you love Him and believe that He has come forth from the Father, so will the Father personally love you with a _______________ ________. And nothing shall separate you from His love!

Yes, in this world you will have tribulations, but be of good courage dear one, for Christ your Lord has overcome the world. _____ ___ ______ ________!