Upper Room – Part 11
Final Remarks!
John 16:16-33

The disciples speak again! We've not heard from them for quite awhile. Stunned with sorrow, fearful, and confused they have sat and listened. How much did they understand? Jesus seems to hint they understood little, but the day would come when would comprehend all by the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit. But be encouraged, these 11 disciples did leave the Upper Room that night knowing Jesus was the Son of God, from where He had come, and that He was their great Messiah!

I. **Sorrow will be Turned to Joy**

- A Sorrowful Question

"**A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. The said some of his disciples _____ themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye _____ among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?" John 16:16-19**

"a little while" –

- A Joyful Answer

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into _____. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for _____ that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your _____ no man taketh from you." John 16:20-22

"weep and lament" –

"your sorrow shall be turned into joy" –

Illustration of child birth –

"I will see you again" –

"your joy no man taketh from you." –

"**And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your _____ may be full." John 16:23-24**

This is the 4th time Jesus is telling of the importance of prayer in the life of the disciple of Christ

Prayer and the Obedient, Faithful Believer –

"that your joy may be full." –

II. "I Have Overcome the World"

"**These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs** (figurative language; obscure)**: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father." John 16:25**

"I spoke unto you in proverbs" –

"I will shew you plainly of the Father" –

"At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God." John 16:26-27

A Clarification on Prayer –

Jesus wants them to understand three wonderful principles of God and prayer!

1. His followers need to ask their requests in His name –

2. Jesus does not take our prayers to the Father. –

3. Full access to God the Father is based on His great _____ for those that believe in Jesus! –

It has been said that it would do God's people good
to review Jesus' teaching on prayer in the Upper Room and utilize its power!

"I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father." John 16:28

In a "nutshell" this is what the disciples have believed! This is the truth of the plan of God. J Vernon McGee feels this is a co-key verse of the Book of John along with John 20:30-31.

"**His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure (_____) that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we _____ that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now _____? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me." John 16:29-32**

Here the disciples speak after a long silence and claim to understand what He had been teaching. They certainly believed He was their Messiah and Jesus accepted this (John 17:6-8), yet Jesus points out that in the hours ahead their faith will be tested and they will fail miserably.

"the hour cometh, yea, is now come," –

"ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone:" –

"because the Father is with me." –

Summary & Climax of the Upper Room Discourse:

"**These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have _____. In the world ye shall have _____: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33**

Peace in a world of Tribulation!

"peace" –

"tribulation" –

"I have overcome the world" –

Believers Application:

1. Don’t let ignorance stop you from coming and seeking out Jesus!

2. God Transforms our sorrows into good –

3. The reality is we can have all faith, understanding, and assurance and still fail the Lord