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The Joy of Eastertide

Gospel of John, Part LVII

John 16:17-33

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I. I love my Jesus!

II. A Little While

A. The Disciples' Confusion (17-18)

B. Jesus' Clarification (19-28)

1. Sorrow and Joy (19-22)

Jesus insists that though the disciples will face intense suffering, the very cause of their sorrow, the _____ of Jesus, will become the source of their joy. Jesus will rise from the dead and no one will be able to take away their joy.

2. Prayer in His Name (23-27)

Once Jesus has died and risen from the dead, the confusion of the disciples will vanish. They will understand who Jesus is and how their very relationship with the Father depends upon Him. While they have thus far prayed to God through the merit of the sacrificial system, they will now pray in the name of _____. The Father delights in all those who delight in His Son.

3. Summary (28)

C. The Disciples' Confession (29-30)

D. Jesus' Consolation (31-33 cf. 8:29; Lk 22:43)

While Jesus appreciates their zeal and their professed loyalty, He knows that the coming events are going to break them. They will _____ Jesus. But Jesus will not _____ them. Leon Morris remarks, "*When in the future [the disciples] looked back on their desertion they would reflect that Jesus had predicted it. And, in the full knowledge that they would act in this way, He promised them peace*" (in Bruner, 959).

III. The Joy of Eastertide

A. Our Indomitable Joy (cf. 2 Cor 4:7-18)

Jesus' resurrection reveals that our _____ is indomitable. Because Jesus has risen from the dead, "your joy no one will take from you" (22). Sin, Satan, and death have been conquered.

⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. ⁸ We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. ¹¹ For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So then death is working in us, but life in you. ¹³ And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. ¹⁵ For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. ¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

B. Our Unfettered Access (cf. Rom 8:32; Heb 4:14-16)

Second, Jesus' resurrection reveals that we have unfettered access to the _____. If you are in Christ, the Father loves you and wants to hear from you. The veil of the Temple has been torn in two, the intermediaries that used to separate us from direct access to the Father have been removed. We have direct access to the Father through His Son.

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb 4:14-16)

C. Our Victorious Lord (Rom 8:37)

Finally, Jesus' resurrection reveals that He is our victorious Lord, *Christus victor*. "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Amidst the tribulations of this world, Jesus' resurrection assures us that we shall be victorious in Him. "We are," in Paul's words to the Romans, "more than _____ through Him who loved us" (Rom 8:37).

IV. Conclusion (cf. Rom 8:32)