

“I Have Overcome the World!”

John 16:29-33

Jesus graciously points His weak disciples to Himself.

1. The Weak Disciples

vv. 29-30

(1) Their Claim to Understanding (29)

- An inflated view of their own perception
- of their ability to understand

*“His disciples said to Him,
‘See, now you are speaking plainly,
and using no figure of speech!’”*

(2) Their Confession of Faith

- Sincere, commendable – so far as it goes!

*“Now we are sure that You know all things,
and have no need that anyone should question You.
By this we believe that You came forth from God.”*

- But inadequate: It still needs to be filled out!

2. The All-Sufficient Savior

vv. 31-33

(1) He Points Up Their Weakness (31-32)

- 1- He warns them against an inflated view of their faith v. 31 *“Do you now believe?”*

- 2- He foretells their imminent failure v. 32 *“Indeed, the hour is coming, yes, has now come,
that you will be scattered, each to his own,
and will leave Me alone.”*

cf. Matt. 26:31ff; Zech. 13:7

- They will abandon Him – but He is not alone!

*“And yet I am not alone,
because the Father is with Me.”*

(2) He Points Them to Himself (33)

- 1- His Purpose to Settle and Assure them

*“These things I have spoken to You
that in Me you may have peace.”*

- 2- His declaration of Triumph

*“In the world you will have tribulation;
but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”*

[1] The context: The inevitability of tribulation in a fallen world

[2] His Triumph over the World

- A bold, audacious declaration!

“I” – emphatic
“have overcome” Gk. Perfect tense

- The world overcome!

- Reason to rejoice!

Further Application: