**John 14:27**

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Intro – How Many Of You Recognize This Symbol?

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The Peace Symbol Became A Prominent Icon Of The 1960’s And Into The 1970’s; And Is Still Recognized The World Over.

1. What Is Peace?

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2. Peace Is Almost Universally Defined – Even By The Dictionary - As The Lack Of Hostility Or Aggression Between Various Parties. *In Other Words, The World Defines “Peace” As The Absence Of Something.*

3. However, We Are Going To Discover Tonight, That Jesus Does Not Define “Peace” As The *Absence* Of Something – Rather, He Defines “Peace” As The *Presence* Of Something! *Tonight, We Will See The Blessing Found In This Great Difference!*

4. *(Brief Background On Context Of John 14)*

5. V. 27a – What Is The First Statement Christ Makes To His Despondent Disciples At The Beginning Of Verse 27?

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6. What We Have Is Not The *Absence* Of War/Hostility, But The *Presence* OfSomething (Serenity/Calmness/Tranquility).

7. What Were The Conditions These 11 Disciples Were Going To Face In Just A Few Hours? (*Yet, Jesus Declares To Them That He Is Leaving Them Quietness/Serenity*)

8. V. 27b – What Does Jesus Say Next? (*My Peace*) What Does That Mean?

9. This Too, Is A Groundbreaking Truth: There Is A Special Kind Of Peace That Only The Son Of God Possesses – And It Is Available To Us!

10. Who Can Give A Biblical Example Of The Peace That Jesus Possessed?

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11. V. 27c – Is This The Kind Of Peace You Would Like To Have In Your Life?

According To Verse 27, How Can We Get This “Peace?” (*It Is A Gift Of The Savior*)

12. V. 27d – Next Jesus Is Going To Use The Tool Of Contrast To Further Make His Point. What Does He Say Next?

13. What Is The Kind Of Peace That The World Gives Us?

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14. What Is The Problem With The World’s Peace?

15. Even If We Come To A Place Where We Briefly Possess Everything The World Offers, We Still Will Not Have “Peace.” The Rich And Famous Also Commit Suicide, Are On Medications, Are Alcoholics, Drug Addicts, Etc.

16. Who Can Find Peace In This Photo? *(Peace Handout)*

17. V. 27e – What Is The Word Of Comfort Jesus Gives At The End Verse 27?

18. From An Earthly Point Of View, What Are Some Of The Things, Of Which The Disciples Might Be Afraid?

19. From An Earthly Point Of View, What Are Some Of The Things, Of Which We All Might Be Afraid?

20. Let’s Look At Philippians 4:7 (*Read*).

21. Who Wrote Philippians?

What Were Paul’s Circumstances At The Time He Wrote This Verse?

Why Was He In Prison?

How Does The Knowledge Of All These Things Add Strength To This Verse?